



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Thursday, January 30, 1997

"Home of the AuSable River"

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## Chamber director resigns, takes new position



Jerry Meyer

Jerry Meyer, executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, has resigned, and plans to take a similar position in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Chamber President Keith Kenney said a search would begin immediately to replace Meyer, who will be leaving some time late in February. "Meyer has done an excellent job of pulling community groups and organizations together," Kenney said, "and we want to find the key individual who can continue coalition building."

Meyer said the move to Rhode Island was prompted by a desire by he and his wife Nancy to be closer to family. Their daughter, granddaughter and son-in-law live in Newport, RI, and their son lives in New York.

Meyer, previously a television anchor with TV 9/10 and TV 7/4, took the Grayling Chamber position in January of 1995, replacing Deb Allen who had accepted the top Chamber job in Gaylord. Meyer was also the executive director of the Grayling Area Visitors Council, made up of Crawford

County hotels and motels. The GAVC contracts for services with the Chamber, and both operate from the Grayling Area Visitors Center in City Park.

The Chamber director also serves as the coordinator of the M-72 Lake to Lake Association and the secretary of the Crawford County Industrial Development Board, School-to-Work Executive Committee, the local board of Hospice of Michigan, and was State Vice-President of the Great Lakes Mid-Atlantic Corridor Committee. He was also a member of Kiwanis, the Grayling Promotional Association and an honorary member of Rotary.

Since moving into the executive director's job, Meyer has greatly expanded the brochure space in the Visitor's Center, created a press kit which is sent to major media outlets twice a year, redesigned the key brochure to make it more informative and cost efficient for mailing, and established a Grayling Web site on the internet with a trails condition page which generates up to 900 contacts a week.

## County reviews prosecutor position

*Change from part-time to full-time with no private practice doesn't suit Huss*

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

Usually when the Crawford County Board of Commissioners asks for a legal opinion from corporate counsel, it comes from Prosecuting Attorney John Huss.

But that is not the case this time, because the legal matter involves the prosecuting attorney position in Crawford County.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met in a Labor and Personnel Committee meeting following their regular board meeting on Jan. 21. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the status of Huss.

The commissioners passed a mo-

tion to seek the opinion of an outside corporate counsel. The opinion is needed in regards to the status of Huss as a full-time or part-time prosecutor and private attorney. William Carey, a Grayling attorney, will provide the legal opinion in this matter.

The Crawford County prosecutor was part-time prior to this year. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution at their Jan. 23, 1996 meeting to change the conditions of the office beginning on Jan. 1, 1997.

At the 1996 meeting, the commissioners voted to pass the enabling motion allowing the change from a part-time to a full-time prosecutor. The position would be full time with no private practice.

The commissioners also set the salary for the new full-time position. The prosecutor's salary was raised from \$42,000 as a part-time official to \$50,000 as a full-time official. The prosecutor would no longer be able to make money with a private practice.

The commissioners learned at the Jan. 21 committee meeting where Huss appeared, that the prosecutor has declined or refused to give up his private practice.

According to County Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke, this is the reason the board acted to request an outside legal opinion.

Huss, who was re-elected as the county prosecuting attorney in November, said he has not entered into any written contract with the county board in regards to his private practice.

The constitution dictates that the county board can not dictate any aspect of the position, except for setting the salary, Huss said. To set functions, such as dropping a private practice, there would have to be a written contract.

"I am willing to wait for the decision from the outside corporate counsel," Huss said.

According to the prosecutor, the two sides discussed the idea last year and Huss mentioned his concerns at that time.

The commissioners specifically asked on Dec. 5, 1996 about the change to full-time with no private practice. Huss said no to the proposal of the \$50,000 salary and no private practice at that time.



**YOUNG SCIENTIST** -- Staci Scheurs participates in a science experiment as part of the curriculum at AuSable Primary. The school was dedicated on Monday. To see more pictures and learn more about the school, see pages 5A through 10A.

photo by Lisa Hofman

## Road Commission For Crawford County reorganizes its services

*Board sets plan in motion with three changes*

The Road Commission For Crawford County has reorganized "to provide more effective and efficient service." The reorganization is effective immediately.

Road commission board members adopted the reorganization plan at their regular meeting on Jan. 23. The three portions of the reorganization are: The sign shop has become a separate department; The position of superintendent has been created; and, The position of county foreman has been eliminated.

"Each of these actions is expected to provide even more effective and efficient service, now and in the future," said Road Commission Chairman Ray Swiercz.

"Road commissions, like other public agencies, private organizations and businesses, are living entities that may choose to conform or adapt," said James Briney, managing director since 1994. "Just as we have improved services externally, we are working internally as well to ensure the health and safety of the agency, so we are better able to serve the public."

The sign shop has functioned since July 24, 1995. The purpose of the position is to handle all of the tasks associated with establishing and maintaining the responsibilities in this safety area.

"Individual contracts with various townships allow The Road Commission to keep up with demands for new signs and to recover costs," Briney said. "Ron Larson has been doing an excellent job in all areas associated with the position."

Larson has been involved in successful grant applications for railroad crossing improvements throughout Crawford County and in seeking funding for upgrading advance warning signs. He also helped to create specifications for a new sign truck.

Larson's position with the road commission involves working with

contractors, vendors, suppliers, private industry, township officials and the public.

As part of the reorganization, Jed Blaauw was named the person who will fill the new superintendent position. He has 20 years of experience in all aspects of road commission activities.

Blaauw's road commission experience includes a number of functions, including work as a truck driver on the county road system and winter night patrol. He also was authorized by the state for 24-hour coverage on I-75.

In making the reorganization plan announcement, Briney said, "Jed Blaauw, with the road commission since 1976, qualifies for the new superintendent position... He is a team leader, respected by his peers..."

"Jed has participated in several improvement projects over the years, including our 1995 bridge maintenance program, the construction of a new building for materials in 1996, and the relocation of a building for use at one of the rest areas," Briney said.

Blaauw's new responsibilities as superintendent include the assignment of all primary and local county road crews and coordination of work activities and assignments with State Foreman Jerry Pratt and Shop Foreman Cliff Henderlong.

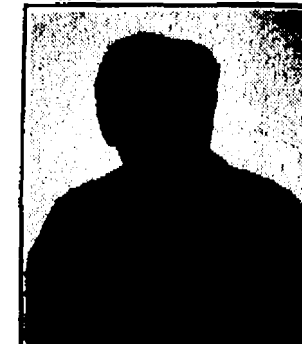
Blaauw has served as co-chairman of the road commission's safety committee and as a member of the Road Commission Safety Improvement Program Group.

The reorganization plan does not increase staffing levels at The Road Commission For Crawford County.

"Just as I have been given the opportunity to serve on the board of road commissioners, Mr. Larson and Mr. Blaauw have earned their new positions under the reorganization plan adopted by the board," said Vice-Chairman Bill Gannon.



Ron Larson



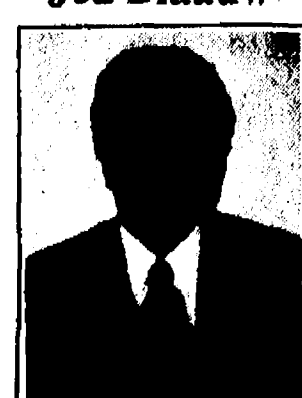
Cliff Henderlong



Jerry Pratt



Jed Blaauw



James Briney

## Mailing address provided for local troops

The members of the 1439th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting), now serving in Tazsar, Hungary, in support of NATO peacekeeping operations in Europe, have provided their mailing address.

The 24 soldiers of the 1439th, a Michigan Army National Guard unit based at Camp Grayling, were deployed to Europe on Jan. 11. After spending a week at military facilities in Germany, the unit arrived at their duty station in Tazsar on Jan. 20.

Their primary mission in Hungary is to provide fire protection and rescue in cases of aircraft crashes or fires,

structure fires, and vehicle extrication.

Several soldiers have called back to Camp Grayling, and have stated they are learning the area, and are taking over the mission from the unit they are replacing. The only problem, as mentioned by more than one soldier, is a significant shortage of coffee.

Letters or packages for members of the 1439th may be addressed as follows:

1439th Engr Det (FF)  
(Soldier's Name)  
Operation Joint Guard  
APO AE 09793

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**PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT ALL THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL BE TAKING PLACE AT HANSON HILLS, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL HANSON HILLS: 517-348-9266**

### Friday, February 7, 1997

**8 pm to 12 midnight:** Grayling Youth Booster Club Las Vegas Night in the Activity Center

### Saturday, February 8, 1997

**All day:** Shaped ski lessons every hour on the hour. \$20 fee includes rental and lesson

**8 am to 6 pm:** Fishing contest for all ages to benefit the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. In the middle of Lake Margrethe at Dean Wordens' shanty. Prizes will be awarded in youth and adult categories. \$5 youth up to 14 years; \$10 adults, festival button required. For more information call 348-8901

**10 am to 4 pm:** Nine-hole Putt-Putt Golf Course event--Lake Margrethe. Meet at Dean Worden's shanty in the middle of the lake. Make donation to participate. Benefits the AuSable Canoe Marathon. For more information call 348-8901

**Lake Margrethe Access:** Boat ramps at McIntyre's Landing and Camp Grayling, public access on M-72 West.

**11 am to 5 pm:** Music by Thane Doremire

**11 am to 5 pm:** Snowshoe demos by Atlas and Cartwright & Danewell. In the main lodge

**11 am to 5 pm:** Kids snowshoe obstacle course--up to eight years old, at the end of the driveway. Festival button required.

**11 am to 5 pm:** Snowboard demos by Cartwright & Danewell. Come out and try on snowshoes and snowboards. All you need is a festival button.

**11 am:** Snowshoe clinic by David "Hoot" Gibson from Atlas. Festival button required. Meet at the end of the driveway.

**2 pm:** Nature snowshoe walk by Hartwick Pines and Cartwright & Danewell. Learn to identify animal tracks and their winter habits. With festival button. Meet at Atlas display in the main lodge.

**3 pm:** How to dress for winter with Herb Clevenger. Meet at the Atlas display at end of driveway.

**5 pm:** \$1 downhill ski night, sponsored by Gannon Broadcasting Y100.3 WGRY & Decades 101.1 WQON

**5:30 pm:** Group downhill FREE ski lesson with festival button. Meet at the Bunny Hill

**6:45 pm:** Torch parade by the Grayling High School ski team, to open Business Olympics

**7 pm:** Business Olympics by Gannon Broadcasting Y100.3 WGRY & Decades 101.1 WQON. Your business team should join in this exciting triathlon event. Call 517-348-6171 to register

**7:30 pm:** Downhill ski races--all ages. Meet at the top of the Bowl next to the race shack

### Sunday, February 9, 1997

**8 to 11:30 am:** Grayling Youth Booster Club Breakfast. \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Breakfast includes: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Juice and Coffee

**10 to 11 am:** SKI WITH THE STARS with Rosignal Cross-Country Ski Team--by the Cross Country Ski Shop. Ski the Blue and Green trail with the experts, meet at the cross-country ski lodge

**10:30 to 11:30 am:** Practice session--Snowshoe Archery Challenge. Meet at Bear's Bowman Archery building. Equipment will be provided

**11 am to 3 pm:** Snowshoe demos by Atlas and Cartwright & Danewell. In the main lodge

**11 am to 5 pm:** Kids snowshoe obstacle course--up to eight years old, at the end of the driveway. Festival button required.

**11 am to 5 pm:** Snowboard demos by Cartwright & Danewell. With festival button, in main lodge

**12 noon to 3 pm:** Chili Cook Off Vote for your favorite chili for \$1. In the main room of the main lodge. Sponsored by Gannon Broadcasting Y100.3 WGRY & Decades 101.1 WQON

**12 noon to 3 pm:** History of Hanson Hills display in the main lodge by the Historical Society

**12:30 to 2:30 pm:** Snowshoe Archery Challenge. Meet at the softball field. One-mile run (total) on snowshoes, with three targets. 9-16 years, \$3, 10-yard targets. 17 & up, \$7, 15-yard targets. Three-person teams, \$12, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies. Ribbons for all participants.

**11 am to 5 pm:** Kids snowshoe obstacle course by Atlas and Cartwright & Danewell. 8 years and under. Teach the little ones how fun the outdoors is. Festival button required.

**1 pm:** Citizens Bank downhill obstacle race. Everyone welcome. Meet at the top of the bowl next to the race shack

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## MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewaert:

Michael Anthony Zavasky was fined \$72 for Leave Fire Unattended.

Kevin Karl Gunkle was fined \$120 for Poss Bow/Gun Area Frequented By Wildlife Without Hunting License.

Jack Thomas Quinn was fined \$70 for Fish Closed Waters.

Steven Roger Erickson was fined \$85 for Operate ORV in Prohibited Area.

John Lewis Patrick was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile Wrong Side of Road.

John Todd Harris was fined \$120 for Uncased Gun/Strung Bow In/On Auto.

John L. Bray was fined \$120 for Loan/Borrow Hunting License.

James Howard Molpus, Jr. was fined \$170 for Loaded Gun In/On Vehicle.

Michael Thomas Molpus was fined \$170 for Loaded Gun In/On Vehicle.

Ivica Michael Borovic was fined \$120 for Hunt Small Game W/O License - Non Res.

Ivica Michael Borovic was fined \$120 for Possess/Transport Deer W/O Tag Attached.

Nick E. Nigh was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

Roger E. Peterson was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

Thomas Donald Dombroski was fined \$170 for Loaded Gun In/On Vehicle.

Richard Anthony Yager was fined \$120 for Hunt Game W/O License - Res.

Richard Sigismund Denrose was fined \$70 for Fish Trout Stream/Lake Closed Season.

Jason Robert Langton was fined \$120 for Uncased Gun/Strung Bow In/On Auto.

Joe John Cvetanovski was fined \$120 for Uncased Gun/Strung Bow In/On Auto.

Claude David Crumb was fined \$120 for Uncased Gun/Strung Bow In/On Auto.

Donald Joseph Hart was fined \$110 for Trans Open Intox In Motor Vehicle.

David George Piehl was fined \$70 for Enter a Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

Raymond Robert Wilson was fined \$70 for Enter a Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

Loran Thomas Trigger was fined \$70 for Enter a Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

Timothy Robert Wilson was fined \$70 for Enter a Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

Roger Lewis Palmer was fined \$70 for Trespassing.

Douglas James Sajdak was fined \$70 for Loan/Borrow Hunting License.

James John Karbowski was fined \$120 for Loan/Borrow Hunting License.

Arthur Leslie Goudie was fined \$170 for Hunt Game W/O License - Non/Res.

Delmar Edward Gasser was fined \$120 for No Hunter's Orange.

Raymond Timothy Wells was fined \$110 for Trans Open Intox In Motor Vehicle.

Michael J. Lewis was fined \$120 for Loan/Borrow Hunting License.

Ruth Ellen McClellan was fined \$120 for Loan/Borrow Hunting License.

Mark Wayne Bryant was fined \$35 for Snowmobile Numb/Reg/Trail Permit Not Displayed.

Patrick A. Kemper was fined \$50 for Snowmobile Fail To Exhibit Registration On Demand Of Law Enforcement Officer.

Patrick James Boughner was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Mark Harold Hale was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

James Andrew Stevenson was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

Jerome Steven Bissell was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

James Andrew Stevenson was fined \$165 for Fleeing & Eluding - Other.

Donald Eugene Kraemer, Jr. was fined \$85 for Timber Trespass.

Justin W. David was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

Anthony John Marocco was fined \$70 for Trespassing.

Joseph Albert White, III was fined \$110 for Trans Open Intox In Motor Vehicle.

Nathan Charles Johnson was fined \$170 for Loaded Gun In/On Vehicle.

Marko William Tomich was fined \$85 for Unlawful Operation ORV On Hwy.

Lowell Wayne Myers was fined \$120 for Illegal Blind/Tree Stand.

Mark Edward Taylor was fined \$110 for Trans Open Intox In Motor Vehicle.

Thomas James Blatt was fined \$110 for Trans Open Intox In Motor Vehicle.

Lester Edward Tacey was fined \$120 for Illegal Blind/Tree Stand.

John Bernard Morden was fined \$120 for Illegal Blind/Tree Stand.

James Micheal Bayes was fined \$110 for Trans Open Intox In Motor Vehicle.

Jeffrey Scott Reichelderfer was fined \$70 for Enter a Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

Jeffrey Scott Reichelderfer was fined \$120 for No Hunter's Orange.

Thomas Alan Sorenson was fined \$70 for Enter a Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

Thomas Alan Sorenson was fined \$120 for No Hunter's Orange.

Michael James Wakeley was fined \$120 for No Hunter's Orange.

Jack Edward Millikin was fined \$70 for Trespassing.

Timothy John VanNuck was fined \$50 for Boat - No Life Preservers.

William Dale Smith was fined \$70 for Enter a Restricted Area - Range 30/40.

Phillip Duane Rellinger was fined \$35 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

Kimberly Elizabeth Kellogg was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Bret Dennis Bandt was fined \$85 for Operate Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road.

Richard Thomas O'Brien was fined \$70 for Operate Snowmobile Prohibited Area.

Gerald Lee McDonald was fined \$50 for Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Permit.

## Another B&E spree hits county

A spree of breaking and entering occurred in Crawford County during the last week.

A majority of the 11 breaking entering reports were issued in Lovells Township. The 11 incidents happened during a seven-day span, extending from Jan. 20-26.

Most of the residences broken in to are located on Dam Four Road in the township. A couple of the reported incidents were to residences on Lovells Road. Another breaking and entering report was filed for a residence on North Down River Road.

Out of the 11 incidents that were reported in the week span, six were reported on Sunday, Jan. 26.

"We believe all (11) are connected," said Crawford County Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield.

Wakefield said Monday afternoon that sheriff's deputies are working on solving the crimes right now.

Although some snowmobiles and other items were stolen from the residences, the biggest problem with the incidents was the amount of damage done to the houses. Wakefield called the destruction at some of the residences "terrible."

According to Wakefield, the sheriff's department is in the process of recovering some of the snowmobiles that were stolen.

Crawford County was hit with a different spree of breaking and entering incidents more than a month ago. According to sheriff officials, there is no relation to those incidents with those that happened last week.

"We believe they are not connected," Wakefield said. "They don't have the same MO."

Some concern has arisen from area residents concerning the breaking and entering incidents.

It is hard to cover all of Crawford County, more than 580 square miles, with two deputies on patrol at one time, Wakefield said. It would be nice to have a deputy per township on patrol all of the time, but that is not the case.

"We are doing our best with our patrol to cover the county," Wakefield said.

**NEWS**  
348-6811

## Project Wild workshop offered at Hartwick Pines

Teachers, youth leaders, nature educators and students will soon be going 'wild' in Grayling. A Project Wild workshop will take place at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 5.

Project Wild helps educators and leaders teach about wildlife and the environment, and integrate environmental education with other subjects from math to music.

Project Wild is sponsored in Michigan by the Michigan Alliance of Environmental and Outdoor Educators in partnership with Michigan State University Extension. It's presented around the state by trained facilitators.

Workshop participants get hands-on experience with Project Wild activities they can use with students from kindergarten through senior high school. They take home with them an award-winning activity guide, many supplementary resources, and information on where to go for more information about Michigan's fish and wildlife resources and habitats.

Persons interested in Project Wild or Aquatic Wild can contact Dale Elshoff at MSU by calling 517-355-1712. To register for the Feb. 5 workshop, call Ann Stephens at 517-348-2537. The registration fee of \$25 covers all training and materials.

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**THIS WEEK'S FEATURE**

Fri., Jan. 31 - Wed., Feb. 6

**"TWO THUMBS UP!"**

- SNEEL & ENYNT

**"JOHN TRAVOLTA IS THE MOST CHARMING ANGEL EVER!"**

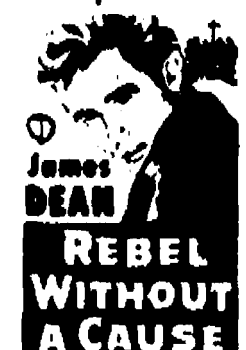
- JIM BURNETT, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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**REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE**



# Kirtland gets award

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

An area festival, which was designed to celebrate the gradual return of the Kirtland's warbler to its home in the Jack Pine and AuSable River ecosystem, has received an award and is planning even more activities.

According to Kirtland's Warbler Festival officials, scores of new events and activities are being planned for this year's event. The festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18.

The efforts of Kirtland Community College (KCC) in regards to the festival have received national recognition. The KCC effort on behalf of Partners in Protecting the Jack Pine Ecosystems have been honored by the United States Forest Service.

The Kirtland's warbler, a small and endangered bird, is the namesake of the place where the festival will be held, Kirtland Community College.

The award bestowed upon KCC is a Forest Service Rural Community Assistance Spirit Award. The award is one of only 10 spirit awards presented nationally.

Loren Ford, Mio District ranger, was on hand at the Jan. 13 KCC news conference to unveil the award. Ford will officially present the award on a date closer to the festival.

The spirit award also includes a \$5,000 grant to support further efforts on the Kirtland's Warbler Festival.

One of the reasons Kirtland received

the spirit award was for the work the festival officials do with the area school systems.

Many of the programs are planned for the KCC campus; others will be staged at various sites throughout the college's four-county district (Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties: COOR).

While most of the festival events are scheduled for May 15 and 16, there are some school activities for the students planned for prior to the event.

The events for students from area schools include class tours and class programs. Schools in the COOR district will be invited to participate in tours of North Higgins Lake State Park with Wendell Hoover, park naturalist, describing the history of Michigan forests and their recovery. Last year more than 400 students participated the week before the festival.

Festival Featured Presenter Denny Olson will stage his dynamic, informative, and entertaining "Crittterman" presentations on animal ecology and natural history to schools in Oscoda and Crawford counties on Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16. He will also make a community presentation Thursday evening.

Joe Rogers, a wildlife rehabilitator from Coleman will give his "Introduction to Michigan Birds of Prey" presentation to Roscommon and Ogemaw County schools May 15 and 16 complete with live owls and hawks and an eagle.



**FESTIVAL SPIRIT** — Loren Ford, Mio District ranger, presented Kirtland Community College officials with the Forest Service Rural Community Assistance Spirit Award for 1996. The award and the \$5,000 grant was for the Kirtland Warbler Festival.

## BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Telephone — 348-7017

Christine McLaughlin has spent the last year in South Korea where she has been teaching English to students from the age of three years to adults. The company she works for is based in San Francisco and she took training there before leaving for South Korea. She expects to return to Michigan in March. She is the daughter of Pat McLaughlin of Grayling and Gary McLaughlin of Phoenix, Arizona.

Ed and Cindy Swope of Milan spent the weekend with his brother and family, Tim and Gayle Swope and boys. Previously the Ed Swope had spent the holidays with the Tim Swope.

Keith and Marjory Bodi returned in January from a month's trip to Russia where they visited their daughter, Theresa Bodi, who has been a volunteer English teacher there for three years. The Bodi's spent three weeks in Moscow with their daughter in her apartment before going to Riga, Latvia. They stayed with friends in Riga for three days before going on to a resort on the Baltic Sea with a group of

teachers. They enjoyed the trip immensely and found the Russian people very friendly to them. People were amazed that they would visit in the winter but they stated that the weather was similar to here so they were not bothered by it. The Bodi's will be telling about their trip at a Kiwanis meeting in March. Another daughter, Michelle, from Dublin, Ohio, spent last weekend with her parents at their home east of Grayling.

For you snowbirds in the south, Grayling had plenty of snow this past weekend and the city folks were here by the car and trailer loads of snowmobiles.

We had a surprise letter during the holidays from a former student at Grayling — Gloria Mortenson Mogford, from Florida. She was inquiring about classmates when she attended school here in the seventh and eighth grades — a long time ago. It's good to hear from people who have been gone from Grayling for a long time; they still have pleasant thoughts about the time they spent here.

My telephone number is listed and we need more local news.

### Health Matters

At Mercy Hospital

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**Adult / Pediatric CPR Class**  
Monday, Feb. 10  
6 - 10 pm • Private Dining Room  
\$15 Class Fee

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**Free Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinic**  
Monday, Feb. 10  
3 - 6:30 pm • Main Lobby

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**"Music As A Healing Art"**  
Sunday, Feb. 16  
2 - 5 pm • St. Mary's Family Center, Grayling

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**"What Is Diabetes?"**  
With Rhonda Haske, RN - Tuesday, Feb. 18  
7:30 - 9 pm • Private Dining Room

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**To Register, Call 1-800-33- MERCY**

# Olympics set to go

If you can't beat the winter — join it at the 1997 Michigan Special Olympics State Winter Games being held at Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort in Cedar, Feb. 4-7.

Put on your winter coat and hat and come cheer the 950 Michigan athletes who have been preparing for months to compete in alpine and cross country skiing, speed and figure skating and snowshoeing. Michigan Special Olympics is a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation.

Winter Games action starts with trials on the slopes and trails of Sugar Loaf and the ice of the Traverse City Howe Ice Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 5. The celebration gets underway with Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The athletes and their families and friends, including more than 300 volunteers, gather to open the Games, meet the guest celebrities, watch the fireworks and torchlight parade. They also enjoy the Wertz Warriors Snowmobile Endurance Riders, named for its founder, former Tiger Vic Wertz, as they make their exciting entrance down the ski slope with headlights blazing into the night.

The Wertz Warriors raise the funds for the on-site costs of the Winter Games. Mark "The Bird" Fidyrych, former Detroit Tiger All-Star pitcher will once again be honorary chairman of the Warriors for the event. Ninety-five Wertz Warriors will hit the snowy trails for the 16th annual Snowmobile Endurance Ride on Feb. 2. They travel for six days and approximately 900 miles across Michigan. One of the highlights, both for Special Olympics athletes and the Wertz Warriors, takes place on Wednesday when the Warriors arrive at the Games and take the athletes for rides on their snowmobiles.

Sports competition takes place in final heats on Thursday and Friday as the athletes show what they can accomplish. The athletes train and compete year-round in community-based programs, working under the guidance of trained volunteer coaches. These local programs are the core of Michigan Special Olympics and help the athletes to continue to develop athletic skills, sportsmanship, social

competence and self-esteem.

"Because we have limits on the numbers of Special Olympics athletes who can compete at the state and international levels, the training and competition at the local level is crucial for the athletes," said Michigan Special Olympics Executive Director Lois Arnold. "It is the involvement in the local area that gives all of our athletes an opportunity to develop their skills and experience all of the benefits of Special Olympics. We call it 'Training for Life.' We are fortunate to have thousands of year-round volunteers in communities throughout Michigan who make Michigan Special Olympics a reality for these athletes."

The four days of activities include more than athletic competition. Special events are offered all day long. Plus numerous recreational activities are scheduled for the evenings, including musical entertainment, a Victory Dance, broomball, and tug of war.

Michigan Special Olympics is headquartered on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Those interested can call 1-800-644-6404.

## Meeting set

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) membership is nearly half a million federal workers, retirees, spouses and survivors united in a commitment to the economic security and well-being of federal employees on the job and in retirement.

The local chapter of NARFE, Chapter 2305, will meet on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period Jan. 30 through Feb. 5.

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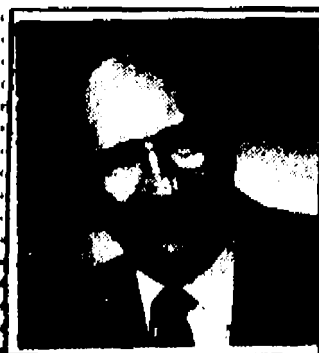


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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

### Clinton's challenge a simple one

**THE DEVIL**, they say, is in the details.

And so it will be for President Bill Clinton, taking off into his second term and on across that fabled bridge into the 21st Century.

Mr. Clinton and crew got off to a good enough start with the inaugural ceremonies — nice, but not spectacular.

The same goes for his inaugural address — nice enough but nothing that will live in history.

The President tried to send some words soaring into the atmosphere, but they simply didn't rise to the occasion.

His address resounded with clichés: He implored us to "set our sights upon a land of new promise."

He warned of "dark impulses that lurk in the far regions of the soul."

He foresaw "America's bright flame of freedom spreading throughout the world."

He even pleaded for his famous bridge — "a bridge wide enough and strong enough for every American to cross over to a blessed land of new promise."

MUCH OF HIS inaugural address meandered in the political middle, where Mr. Clinton spent a lot of 1996

campaign time.

"Today we can declare," he declared, "Government is not the problem and government is not the solution. We, the American people, we are the solution."

Most Republicans wouldn't argue with that.

Mr. Clinton did turn a couple of phrases and thoughts which may become part of our regular social and political fabric.

Speaking of racial challenges, Mr. Clinton said: "The divide of race has been America's constant curse."

Indeed it has.

A few sentences later, he said: "Our rich texture of racial, religious and political diversity will be a godsend in the 21st Century."

Let us hope so.

But overall, the inaugural address, in setting the tone for the next four Clinton Years, seemed to be on target — nice, but nothing special. Few will argue with it.

The nitty gritty is yet to come — the State of the Union message, legislative proposals, the budget.

The devil is always in the details.

GOING INTO his last term, Mr. Clinton has a deep reservoir of public good will.

One of the more incomprehensible aspects of American life is the fickleness of the American public.

About 60 days ago, when Americans voted, less than half of them voted for Mr. Clinton not because they wanted him, but they didn't want the other guy more.

Once more, Mr. Clinton lacked a majority vote.

Nothing especially significant has happened since election day, but Mr. Clinton's approval rating hovers around 60 percent — an increase of about 30 percent. That's about as high as it goes for anybody other than Mother Teresa.

His chief political adversary, Speaker Newt Gingrich, helped engineer the politics and the program that sent Republican majorities back to the House and Senate in the 1996 election.

But public approval of Mr. Gingrich is only about 16 percent.

Go figure.

ASA STUDENT of history, we are told, Mr. Clinton is concerned about how history will judge him.

His disgraced political guru, Dick Morris, in his new book, says Mr. Clinton wonders where he will rank among presidents — second tier? Third

tier?

What Mr. Morris told him is of no importance; Mr. Morris is not to be believed anyway.

But Mr. Clinton probably won't rank very high — certainly not among the outstanding presidents.

He would need a war, or a deep depression, or some major catastrophe, or international crisis to be in the first row with Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt and one or two others.

Mr. Clinton has things too good right now. People are happy with him. The economy is good. The world is generally at peace. How can he earn top rating when he has no dragons to slay?

His task is really a very simple one. Just don't screw things up.

If he can handle that rather simple chore, Bill Clinton may turn out to be a pretty good president after all.

It won't get his face on Mt. Rushmore, but it will make a lot of Americans very happy indeed.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## POINT OF VIEW

by Jerry Meyer, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

### Snowmobiling — making it work in Crawford County

At the start of every winter, we go through the same problems experienced the year before — complaints about over zealous law enforcement, and lack of a trail through Grayling.

Reality, and the solutions are out there somewhere.

At the invitation of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Club, Sheriff's Department and DNR officers spoke at a regular meeting on Jan. 11. Some 70 snowmobilers heard the officers tell what they have to face when they head out on the trail each weekend. Stories about up to 300 tickets turned out to be more like 300 contacts made with riders. Most tickets get written for lack of trial permits or improper registration. Many people thank the officers for doing their job, but some chew them out, even when they are obviously in violation.

After last year's dismal safety record on the trails, law enforcement is

cracking down, and we really can't argue with that. The sport has been on the edge of getting out of control. Snowmobiling is a "social sport", with riders traveling long distances between communities, bars and restaurants. At each stop, snowmobilers eat and drink. As in all things, moderation is the key, excessive drinking cannot be tolerated.

There are some aspects of the enforcement program which should be changed, such as reimbursement by the DNR to the Sheriff's department based on number of contacts. Taking numbers off the machines was also a mistake. But we support efforts by the DNR and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department to keep the sport safe. We have asked them to help identify problem areas, so solutions can be devised.

A problem area is M-72 West of Grayling, where snowmobilers often ride against the traffic, which gets

them a ticket. The trail does loop around to M-93, and its use will have to be encouraged.

Another impediment to a "user friendly" trail system is getting through Grayling. Snowmobilers can use most streets, but they are paved and no route is marked, so that isn't really the answer.

There is an initiative to get snowmobilers through Grayling, riding alongside the railroad tracks. Dozens of details must be completed, but the Chamber is committed to trying to make this happen by next season.

A short time ago we received a copy of a 1890 publication entitled "Crawford County Economic Adjustment Strategy."

Page 161 outlined the barrier to snowmobiling through Grayling and the potential loss of business from these winter recreationists. The report said the Chamber of Commerce was

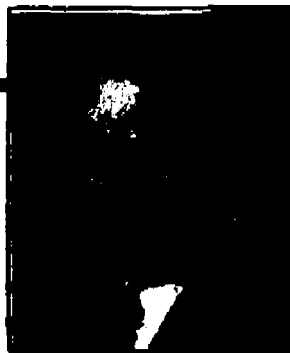
working on a plan for a trail along what was then the Detroit & Mackinac railroad.

Obviously our problem is not new, but we can't wait another 17 years.

The facts are: snowmobiling has rebounded as a big market — we are within two and one-half to three hours of a huge group of people — and the Upper Peninsula recognized the snowmobiling market back in the 70s and is way ahead of everyone else.

When it comes to recreation all the state land in Crawford County becomes a benefit. There is plenty of room to play, and we are from two to four hours less driving time than the Upper Peninsula.

The Chamber and GAVC will continue to invite snowmobilers to visit, as we work on solving our "missing link".



Jerry Meyer

### Junior Miss contestants get boost of confidence

To the editor,

Last week I had the privilege of acting as a mock judge (along with four others) for the 10 contestants in the Grayling Junior Miss 1997 program. Appearing before mock judges is just one of the many ways contestants prepare for the final night. The questioning is unrehearsed, and the girls are expected to conduct themselves as they would to the real judges.

I was impressed. These girls had tremendous poise and presence. Their ideas and answers were expressed clearly, with perception and understanding. They had strong beliefs and firm goals. They made the school district, their teachers, parents and

themselves proud.

If these 10 young women represent the class of 1998, we have nothing to fear for our future. We must strengthen our resolve not to let the small percentage of troubled youth blind us to the bigger picture. The majority (as in the past) are wonderful, caring, thoughtful and law-abiding. They believe in their careers, their community, and their country. They have ideas of how to change things and want to be a part of the process.

I am proud to have met these young women, and will take a special interest in their lives as they go on to realize their dreams.

Betty Bennett  
Grayling

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## Historically Speaking



Photo Submitted by Wesley Smith

THIS PHOTO--of a band getting ready to play at the Temple Theatre was collected by Wesley Smith of Frederic. He collected a number of old photographs that were used to make postcards. Smith needs some help identifying these musicians. He knows the drummer is Frank Sales. He has been unable to determine the identity of the other musicians. If anyone knows the name of any of the musicians, please contact The Avalanche at 348-6811. This is the first history photo in a new series The Avalanche would like to start, to spice up the editorial page. The Avalanche will try to print an old photo of something happening in Crawford County. Anyone with an interesting, old photo can bring it into The Avalanche office for consideration.



## A Special Pull-out Section

# Strong Schools BUILD Community Pride

### A COMMUNITY TRIBUTE TO THE AuSABLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The opening of the AuSable Primary School represents the culmination of more than 10 years of planning within the Crawford AuSable School District.

When the Grayling Middle School reconstruction and renovation project was approved in 1985, the board of education announced that while the project would resolve the need for quality middle school space, the need for additional elementary school space was growing more critical each year.

Elementary students have been bused from the Grayling attendance area to the Frederic Elementary School for almost 20 years due to the shortage of elementary classroom space in Grayling.

The major goal for the AuSable Primary project was to build sufficient classroom space to allow students to attend their own attendance area elementary school.

The secondary goal was for a build-

ing designed for a developmental preschool through second grade curriculum.

The primary teaching staff and administration, the parents group and the board of education worked closely with the architects from GBKB Associated to design a building to meet the needs of younger children and enable classroom instruction using curriculum and technology to the next century.

Some of the plan's features make the school suitable for early elementary students. Some of the features include developing architectural features to serve as visual guides, unique color schemes and simple geometric shapes to identify each classroom wing.

The use of natural light to highlight key areas of the building, particularly the entrance, the lobby, the media center and at the end of each corridor makes the school more enjoyable for elementary students.

## Klein donates property to schools

Evelyn Klein and her family were honored at the AuSable Primary School open house and dedication held Monday, Jan. 27.

Klein donated property to the school district that raised \$20,000.

The money was used to create a tile inlay mascot and school motto in the center of the lobby floor.

The dalmation mascot was chosen by students at the school.

Klein graduated from Macy High School in Macy, Ind. in 1927. She attended Indiana University in Bloomington and then went to Kalkaska County Normal for her first teacher education.

She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan university and completed her post graduate education at Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan.

Her professional teaching career began in 1929 at the Fletcher School in Kalkaska County. She taught in Kalkaska County until 1936.

In 1943 she began her career as a kindergarten teacher at Grayling elementary School but changed to sixth grade the following year, where she continued until 1955.

After the first semester of the 1955-

56 school year, she taught English, English Literature and American Literature at Grayling High School.

In addition to her full time teaching position and raising her family, she found time to be the advisor for the school yearbook and plays.

Professionally she was active in the Crawford AuSable Education Association, the Michigan Education Association and served as a delegate to the 1962 National Education Convention in Denver, Colo.

The following year she was a delegate to the 1963 National Education Convention in Detroit. She was also a member of the National Education Association, Michigan Council of Teachers of English and Michigan Association of School Librarians.

She found time to be a board member of Pentaco (the library board of the COOR Intermediate School District).

After retirement from the school district, she donated her time to the community through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and was elected to two terms as Garfield Township Trustee in Kalkaska County.

She has pursued her interest in Michigan history, has given numerous gifts of her ceramics and china painting and has enjoyed various arts and crafts, as well as gardening.



**SINGING AND SIGNING** -- Second grade and multi-age students at the AuSable Primary School sing the school song at the building's open house and dedication on Jan. 27. The students also used sign language to sing the song also. The song was written by school social worker Clyde Holzbauer.

photo by Craig Hofman

## AuSable Primary teachers, staff listed

The faculty of the AuSable Primary School are as follows:

Preschool - Becky Bernardo; Kindergarten - Nancy Nunn, Pam Spencer, Cheryl Hatfield and Karla Goetz; First Grade - Pam Alexander, Christine Brunell, June Savoie, Jennifer Williams, Pam Williams and Sally Yost; Second Grade - Kelly Moffitt, Alice VanSlyke, Christine Weiler, Suzanne Williams and Kami Zimmerman; Multi-age - Karyn Rauch-Smook and Kelly Simmons.

The staff at the AuSable Primary School is as follows:

Keith Seybert (physical education), Kathy Vergith (music), Trish Coger (speech therapist), Terri Chotte (media specialist), Vickie Green (counselor).

Brenda Vaughan (special education), Patty Hawkins (Title I), Elizabeth Meech (Title I) and Marilyn Stan-cil (gifted and talented).

The AuSable Primary School professionals are as follows:

Gloria Moore (preschool), Nanette

Ferrigan (speech language), Cheryl Millikin (media), Flo Lucksted (special education) and Gail Belcher (special education);

Kindergarten - Linda Stephan, Sylvia Millikin and Mary Phelps;

First Grade - Suzette LaChance, Heidi Minthorn, RaxAnne Adams, Brenda Drudge, Joelle Gabriel and Johanna Jurkovich;

Second Grade - Mary Hinkle, Hertha Laupmanis, Tammy McLachlin,

Mary Roby and Theresa Gothro; Multi-age - Jane Lange and Cheryl Baker.

The AuSable Primary School staff is as follows:

Office - Beth Wheeler;

Custodians - Mark Wilkerson, Bill Lucksted and Marilyn Neuberger.

Kitchen - Janet Gafke (director), Brenda Bergen, Sandy Baynam, Sue Canfield (manager), Diane Doremire and Lois Muse.

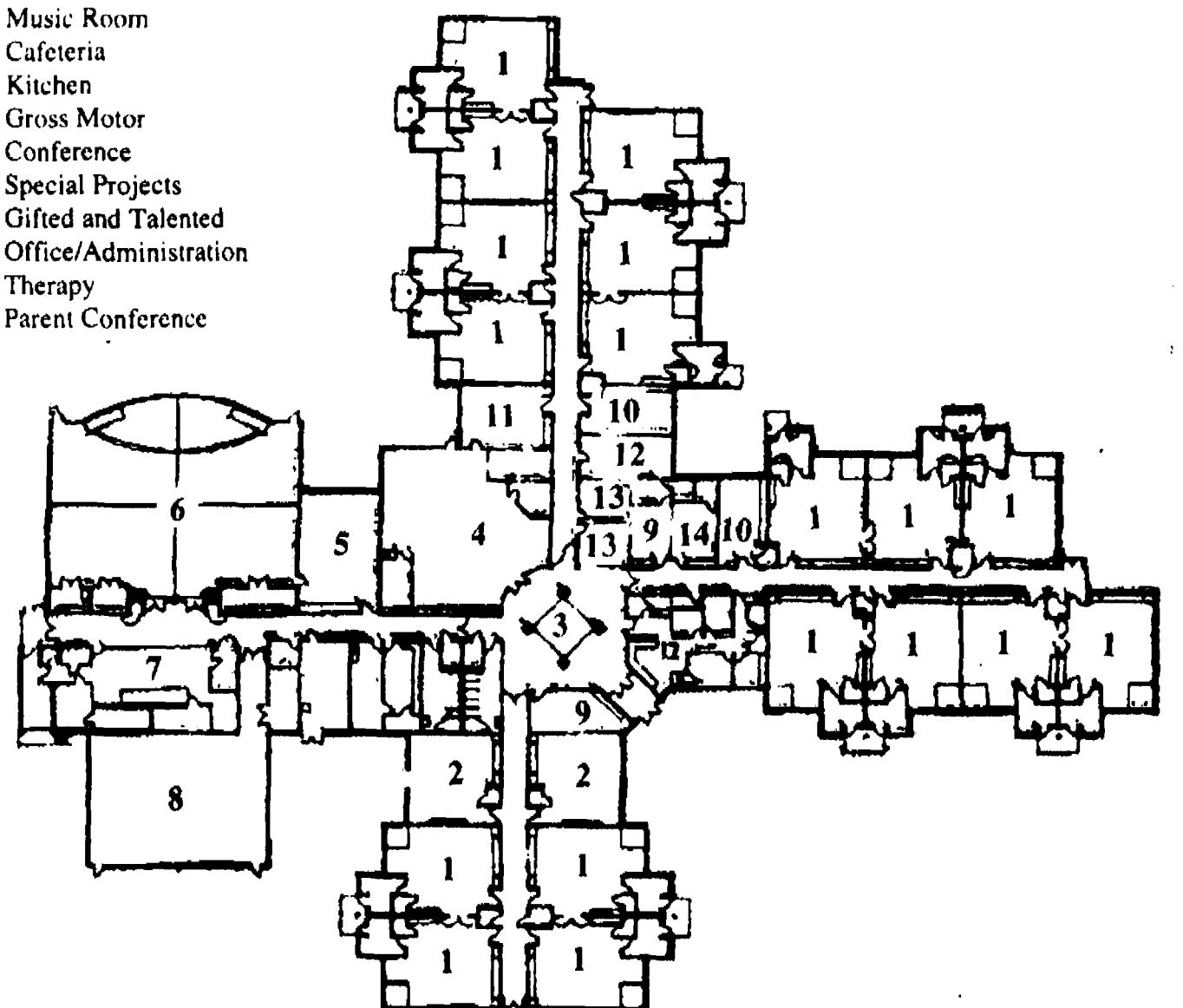


**HONORED FAMILY** -- Evelyn Klein (holding plaque) is surrounded by members of her family. The family helped Evelyn carry out her wish to donate property to the Crawford AuSable Schools. The property netted over \$20,000, which was used to purchase the tile inlay mascot and motto pictured in front of the family members. The tile inlay is located in the center of the AuSable Primary School lobby. Evelyn received a standing ovation from the crowd on hand when she was introduced at the school's dedication ceremony that took place Jan. 27.

photo by Lisa Hofman

## Map of AuSable Primary School

- 1 Classroom
- 2 Pre-school
- 3 Lobby
- 4 Media Center
- 5 Music Room
- 6 Cafeteria
- 7 Kitchen
- 8 Gross Motor
- 9 Conference
- 10 Special Projects
- 11 Gifted and Talented
- 12 Office/Administration
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**A VIEW OF THE SCHOOL** -- The AuSable Primary School, as seen from the rear, was built using bright, primary colors and shapes generally found in a set of children's blocks. The school was dedicated Jan. 27. photo by Lisa Hoffman

## AuSable Primary School dedicated to community

The new AuSable Primary School was dedicated to the Grayling community on Monday, Jan. 27.

"Every principal dreams of opening a new school," said Principal Barb Mick in the opening speech of the ceremony. "This is a dream come true."

According to Mick, the building was designed for exactly what the school's curriculum requires.

"It's so beautiful with lots of light and bright colors," Mick said.

The school building is 52,674 square feet and cost \$89.25 per square foot.

"It's gratifying to see it finished," Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education President Lewis Madill said.

The building was originally built to help alleviate a severe overcrowding problem in the Crawford AuSable School district.

"This school represents a community effort," Superintendent Kent Reynolds said.

Citizens helped the bond issue pass in March 1995 to build the school, city officials designed a traffic pattern

around the building and the architects were worked with to make sure the building's design fit exactly what the school's curriculum required.

"The school is being paid for by only .8 mills more than when the bond issue was passed in March," Reynolds said. "It costs \$2 per year for taxpayers with a \$50,000 home (\$25,000 SEV)."

During the dedication ceremony representatives from GBKB Associates (architecture) and from E & V Construction Services (construction managers) presented a dedication plaque and the groundbreaking shovel, respectively, to the school and the community.

The media center is the center of the school and is equipped with the latest

educational technologies for elementary schools. In the ceiling, high windows are used to add natural light to the media center.

The cafeteria serves both the AuSable Primary School and the Grayling Elementary School. The curved wall has numerous windows to show the students the playground. An elevated stage area is just in front of the windows in the multi-purpose room.

The carpeted floor throughout the building covers approximately 15 miles of heating tubes in the floor.

The roof is made of insulated structure panels and the insulation is polystyrene.

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**TELL US A STORY** -- Members of Kelly Moffit's second grade class learn about Clifford the Big Red Dog in a media center program presented by Cheryl Millikin, media center paraprofessional, at the new AuSable Primary School.

photo by Lisa Hofman



**MAKING MUSIC** -- The musicians from Jennifer Williams first grade class make music in the music room at the new AuSable Primary School.

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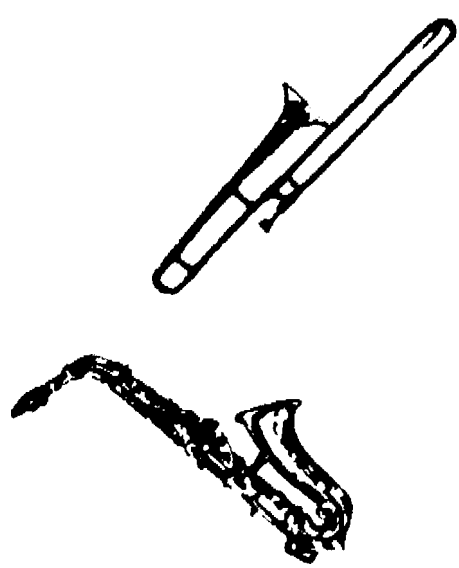
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The new Primary School has a computer lab in the media center which

contains 14 computers. The new machines are IBM compatible and all have CD Rom capacity.

The computers are connected to a school network which features a number of education tools for students and teachers. The children will have access to math and science programs. According to school officials, there also is a writing program which is a great educational tool for students.

A literature or reading program is available. Principal Barb Mick said the student will be able to read a story on the computer and the program will ask the student to do a series of activities based on the reading.

All of the kids in the AuSable Primary School will be able to use the computer and the new system.

According to Mick, teachers will bring an entire class to the lab to familiarize the students with the functions and capabilities of the computer. The children will be working in pairs to learn how to move around on the machine.

After they are familiar with the system, Mick said the students will be able to work in the computer lab in smaller groups or on their own for school projects and homework.

The computer system being used is entirely graphic oriented, Mick said.

This is great for the students, making it easier to move around and understand the different functions.

"The students can get in and out quickly, and it is easy to get around with pictures," Mick said.

In addition to the computers in the lab, every classroom in the school contains one computer. The same functions and programs can be used from these computers.

The teachers also can use these machines. Mick said there are all kinds of programs for management and to issue assignments.

The computers in the new school also will be hooked up to the world wide web eventually.

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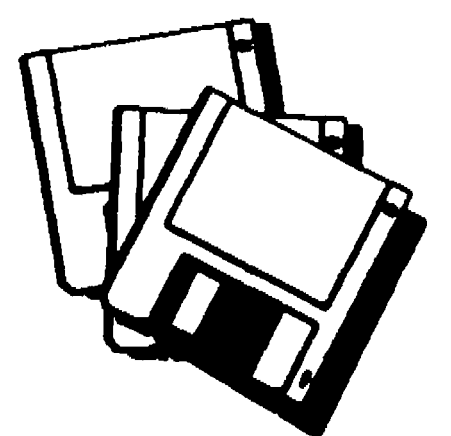
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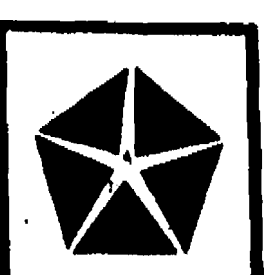


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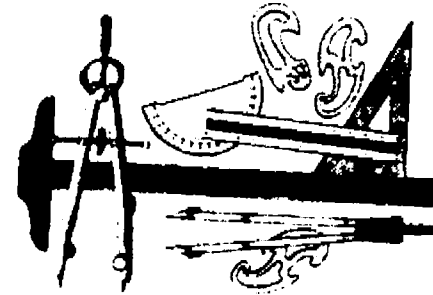
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**CHECKING OUT A CLASSIC** -- These boys are finding a book in the new AuSable Primary School media center. The boys are from Kelly Moffit's second grade class. photo by Eric Gaertner



**ENJOYING A LUNCH BREAK** -- Rachael Ziny, a second grader at the AuSable Primary School, enjoys her lunch in the cafeteria at the new school. photo by Lisa Hofman

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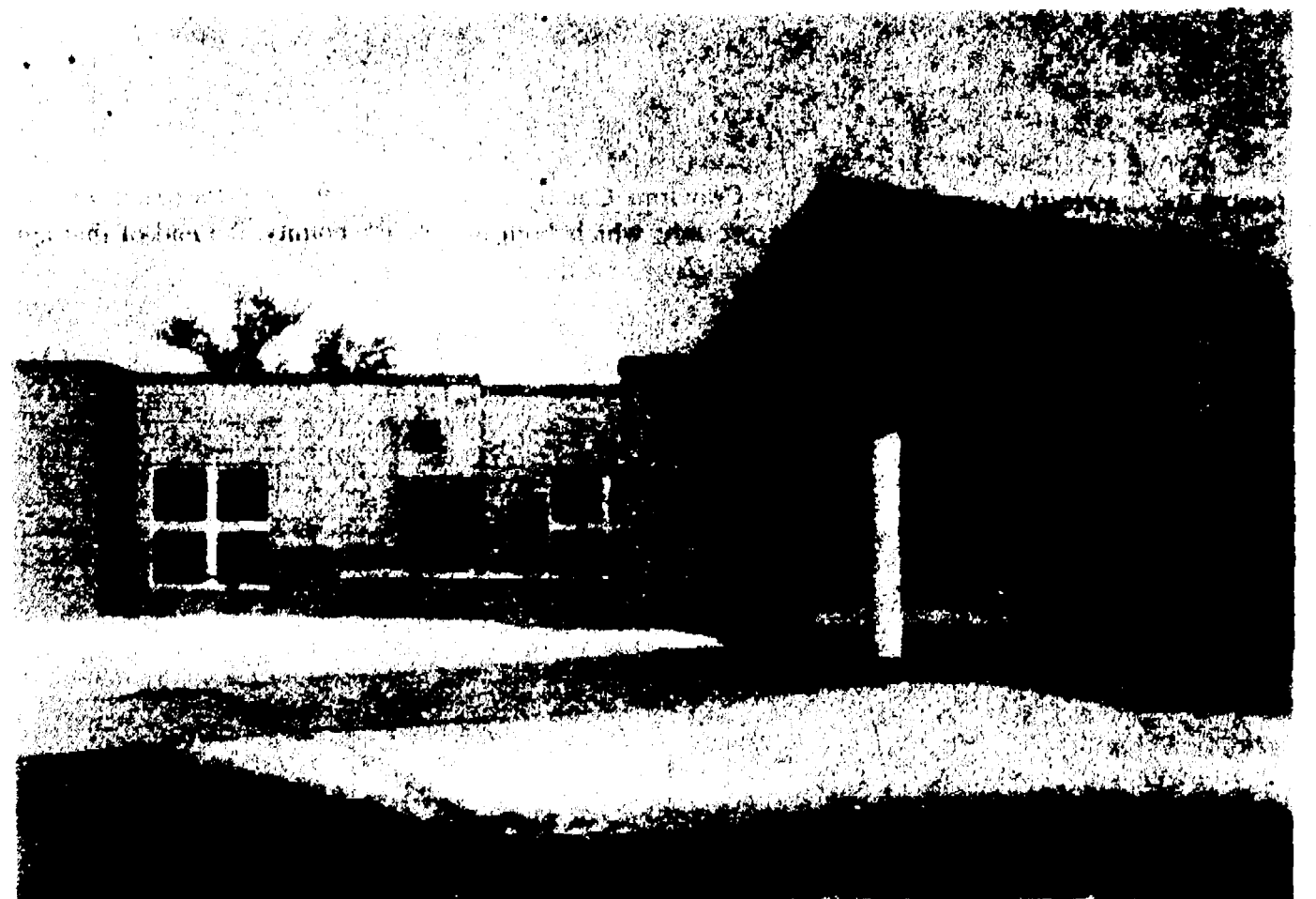


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**NEW SCHOOL** -- Students at AuSable Primary were treated to a building dedication and open house on Jan. 27. photo by Eric Gaertner



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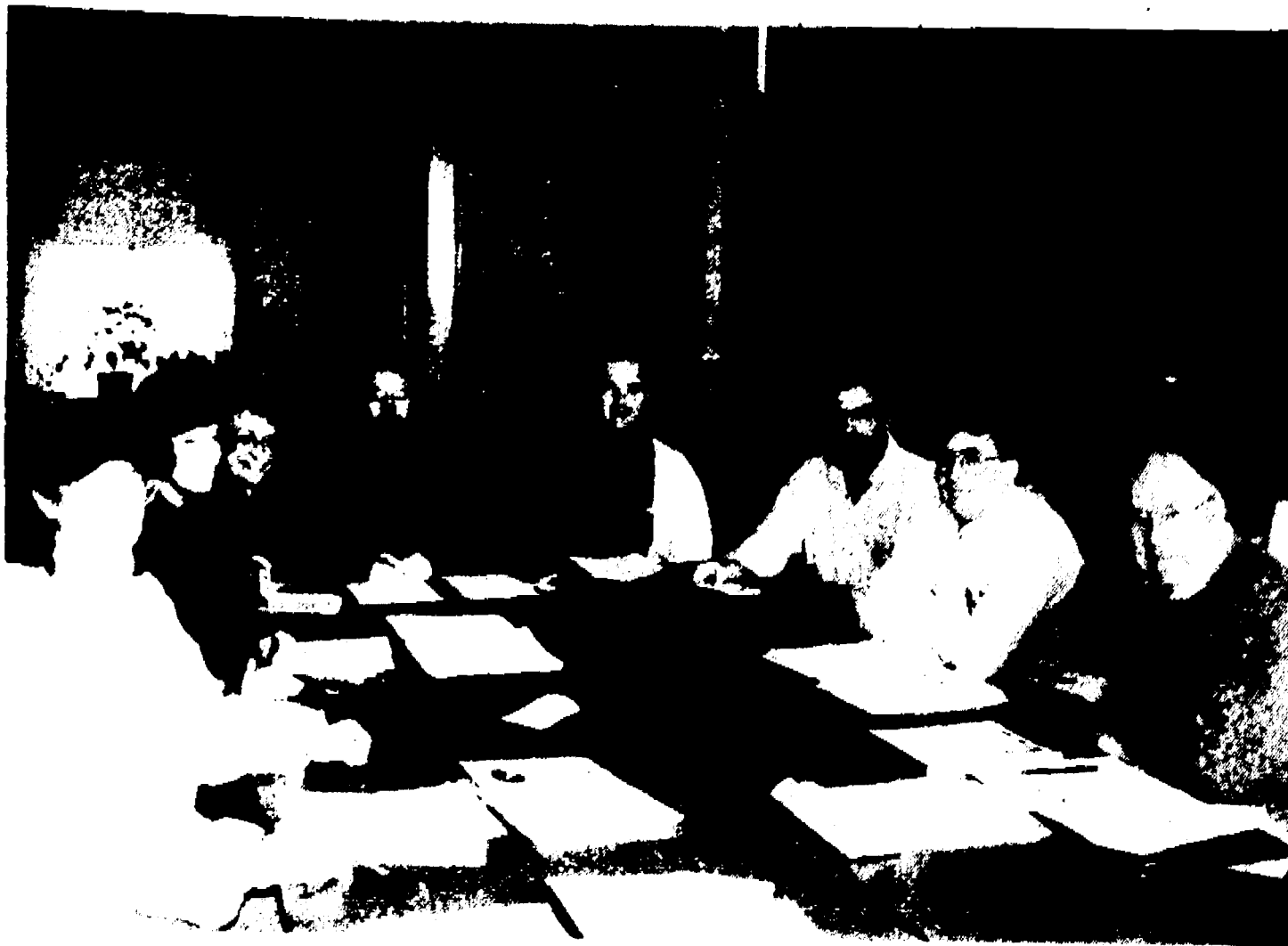
# Habitat for Humanity looks to build first house

Habitat for Humanity board members rejoiced this past week when they announced the completion and submission of the affiliate application for Crawford County.

In the meantime, committee members are doing their due diligence and moving quickly to participate in the Michigan "building blitz" scheduled for July of this year, so that the first Habitat house for this area will be ready for occupancy by September.

Habitat for Humanity, an ecumenical, christian housing ministry initiated by Millard and Linda Fuller in 1976, uses volunteer labor, management expertise and tax-deductible donations of money and materials to build and rehabilitate homes with the help of the homeowners.

"It is not a giveaway program," said Doug Paterson, Habitat board member. "It is a joint program venture in which each homeowner family is required to invest 'sweat equity' hours into the construction of their home."



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEETING** -- Ken White (from right), Rick Anderson, Scott McClain, Dave Wyman, Doug Paterson, S.M. Naomi Holysko, Barb Brooks and Grace Feldhauser met recently to discuss plans for the Habitat for Humanity group. photo by Lisa Hofman

**"Volunteer support from the community is one of the most critical components of this program."**

**S. M. Naomi Holysko**  
Habitat President

Applicants undergo in-depth scrutiny to determine their need and ability to pay a cash down payment and closing costs totaling two percent of the mortgage amount. Habitat mortgages are interest free so the typical monthly payment is only about half of what it would be otherwise, according to board members.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Story hour at the Crawford County Library has openings for children three-years old by Nov. 1, 1996, and not in kindergarten yet.

We ask that children register to attend, that children not leave the Children's Room unless accompanied by an adult, and let us know of any food allergies your child may have. "Show and tell" is the first Wednesday of the month when your child is invited to bring a toy.

Story hour runs 45 minutes with songs, stories, a filmstrip, a craft and finger plays.

The Crawford County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The library's phone number is 348-9214.

## Extension materials available

The following material is available from the Crawford County MSU Extension Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse, or call to get a copy at 317-348-2844 ext. 264. Persons should have the bulletin number ready when they call.

**Farmers tax guide, Publication 225**, for use in preparing 1996 forms. To get forms and other information faster and easier by computer use <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>.

The **4-H flavorfest cookbook** is chock-full of delicious recipes such as White Apple Brownies, Maple Syrup Cake, Quick Shepherd's Pie and a special kids section with a recipe for Purple Cow. It is a wonderful cookbook full of recipes of 4-H families and friends. Purchase at the extension office for \$5 each.

**Baby's first year calendar** is a great way to help keep track of baby's first year. A page of stickers with events such as "visits doctor", "discovers toes", and "holds cup" are just to name a few of the special events to place on calendar days. Each month also gives a list of what the baby may be doing and helpful hints. It is available for \$2, bulletin #B-2614.

## Acts taken to end dispute over lot

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners and The Road Commission For Crawford County have taken steps recently which both organizations hope will put an end to conflicting opinions.

The conflicting opinions from the county board and the road commission have focused on the issue of whether the road commission should have to salt and maintain the Crawford County Courthouse parking lot.

The county commissioners passed a motion at their Jan. 21 board meeting, requesting an opinion for legal counsel on the matter.

The requested opinion is to focus on the legal responsibility of the road commission to maintain only publicly owned parking lots, if in fact they are part of the public road system within their jurisdiction.

The Road Commission For Crawford County takes the position that the courthouse parking lot is not within its jurisdiction. The road commission officials did agree to salt the parking lot on an emergency, temporary basis so the county could find an alternative.

In a letter from the road commission to the county, the end of that agreement was notified. The letter from Road Commission Chairman read, "... Please be advised that as of this date, Jan. 23, The Road Commission For Crawford County will no longer devote labor or equipment and their attendant costs in the name of maintaining the County Courthouse parking lot."

Both boards -- the road commission and the county -- do agree on one thing: that hopefully this issue will be resolved soon.

County Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke said he is hopeful that requesting the legal opinion of legal counsel will put an end to this issue.

Swiercz wrote in his letter to the county, "Please know as well, that we expect to enjoy a long and lasting, positive relationship with the County Board of Commissioners. Our position is based on law and reason, and in no way constitutes an act of defiance."

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**Susan L. Medler**  
Dispatcher and Address Technician to Central Dispatch.

Susan was nominated by her supervisor, Larry L. Akers, who said, "She is willing to take on any job that I assign her, and often suggests additional projects to improve dispatch and addressing. She has a very pleasant and outgoing personality. As a dispatcher, she deals with each call in a professional manner. She is willing to fill in on any shift, and will handle any situation that may develop, in the correct way."

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### Card of thanks

Many, many thanks for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, while I was at Munson Hospital. Glad to report I am home now and on the mend. So thanks again and God Bless you all.

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Irv McIsaac

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## Community Calendar

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JANUARY 1997		The "Macomers" Saturday, January 25
THURS. 30	<b>COMMUNITY ED CONCERT SERIES</b> "Music Hall Revue" @ Rialto Theatre, 2 & 7:30 pm. <b>WRESTLING</b> @ Tawas, 6 pm. <b>FRESH BBB</b> vs. East Jordan, away, 7 pm	
FRI. 31	<b>BBB</b> vs. Onaway, home, 6 pm.	
FEBRUARY 1997		
SAT. 1	<b>JV VB</b> vs. Alpena, away. <b>WRESTLING</b> at Whittemore-Prescott, 10 am.	
SUN. 2	<b>ATTEND THE CHURCH</b> of your choice today. <b>GROUNDHOG DAY.</b>	
MON. 3	<b>SURVIVORS OF INCEST &amp; Sexual Abuse</b> meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information. <b>2ND TERM ADULT</b> Enrichment begins. <b>FRESH BB</b> vs. Gaylord, home, 7 pm. <b>KIWANIS CLUB MEETING</b> @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.	
TUES. 4	<b>BBB</b> vs. Gaylord, away, 6 pm. <b>ABCs OF PARENTING CLASS</b> @ AuSable Primary, 9:30-11 am.	
WED. 5	<b>FRESH BBB</b> vs. Roscommon, away, 6 pm. <b>VB</b> vs. Lincoln-Alcona, home, 6 pm. <b>WEIGHT WATCHER'S</b> meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.	

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# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

## Life and Death

"And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death." (Jeremiah 21:8) The Humanist Manifesto declares sexual lifestyle, abortion, suicide, and euthanasia to be human rights. We wrote in the *Avalanche* 25 years ago, before abortion was legalized, that abortion would soon lead to suicide and euthanasia. On the 24th anniversary month of the legalizing of abortion under *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court heard arguments on the "right to die."

Just as the abortionists used the arguments of rape, incest, and a mother's health to justify abortion, so also, we are being bombarded with horror stories of the terminally ill who are suffering without hope. Euthanasia and suicide are being pictured as merciful "death with dignity." But just as abortion has led to partial birth abortions which are practical

infanticide, so also, once suicide and euthanasia are declared a right, any limits placed upon them will soon be lost. Some patients without terminal illness have already received from the court system the right to end their lives by refusing life-sustaining food and water. Dr. Jack Kevorkian has assisted several patients who were not terminally ill and remains free to kill more. Why are people pushing for more legal "rights" to die?

Holland legalized euthanasia about the same time we legalized abortion. In a 1989 study of 300 Dutch doctors, 40% admitted they had performed non-voluntary euthanasia (mercy killing). Most of the requests came from the families, not the victim. In his book, *Seduced by Death: Doctors, Patients and the Dutch Cure*, Dr. Herbert Hendin wrote, "The Netherlands has moved from assisted suicide to euthanasia, from euthanasia for people who are terminally ill to euthanasia for

those who are chronically ill, from euthanasia for physical illness to euthanasia for psychological distress and from voluntary euthanasia to involuntary euthanasia (called "Termination of the patient without explicit request"). Germany also justified killing even "useless eaters" and finally the ethnic genocide of the Jews. Will Americans learn from Holland or Germany?

Every human life is a gift from God, made in His image. (Genesis 9:6) Taking a human life is a sin against God and His image. "... Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder..." (Matthew 19:18). Suicide by any name or method is still self murder.

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

## Grayling Red Cross volunteers has a new help at accident church

January has seen the birth of a new church in the City of Grayling.

Evangelist Robert Klug from North Carolina, preached a series of meetings from Jan. 8-12 as a launching pad for the new church.

Burning Bush Tabernacle is now continuing meetings every Sunday with services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

The vision of the church is three-fold, according to scripture. The three items are:

- The church is to be a place of the supernatural, where the power of God is present to minister to hurting people;
- A place of refreshing where people can come and be lifted up and encouraged; and
- A place where people love one another unconditionally and people are accepted for who they are.

Pastor Patty Petrie and the congregation of Burning Bush Tabernacle extend an invitation to the community to attend the newest church in Grayling.

Volunteers and staff from American Red Cross chapters across Michigan and Ohio are at the site of the crash of a Comair commuter plane in rural Ida, about 25 miles south of Detroit.

Red Cross mental health volunteers will offer support and counseling to the families of the 29 passengers and crew who perished in the tragedy. Other Red Cross volunteers have been at the scene since shortly after the Thursday, Jan. 9, evening crash, providing food, water and other needed services to emergency personnel and investigators.

The 20-30 Red Cross volunteers and staff helping in the relief effort are from the Monroe County Chapter, the

Southeastern Michigan Chapter in Detroit, the Washtenaw County Chapter in Ann Arbor, and the Toledo Chapter. Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles from the Southeastern Michigan Chapter and the Toledo Chapter are also on the scene.

Thursday night, Red Cross workers served 60 meals to emergency personnel. Another 60 meals were served at breakfast the next morning. Red Cross officials expected to serve 200 or more lunches and dinners Friday. Food is being donated by the Southern Baptist Church in Monroe.

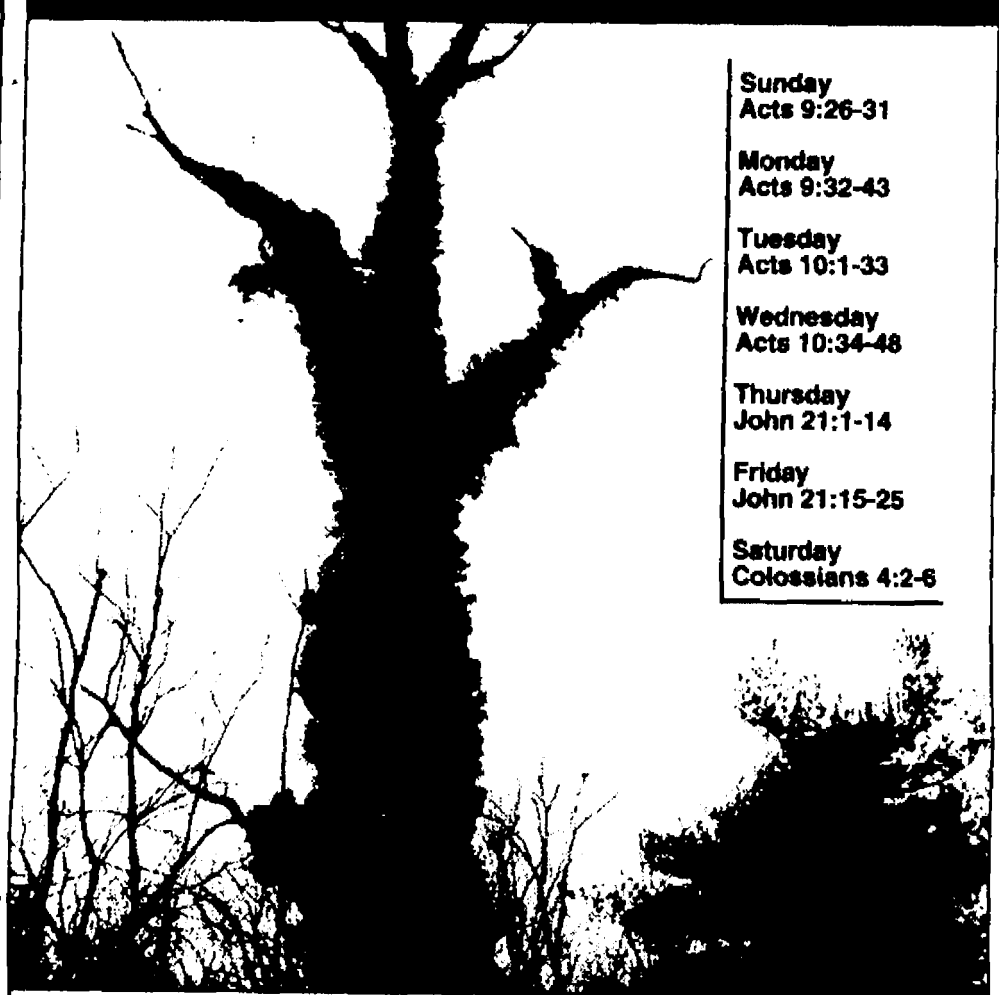
Red Cross relief efforts will continue at the scene for as long as they are needed.

The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.  
Proverbs 15:33

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## Church Directory

### ROOTS FROM RUINS



How boldly striking the irony of this dramatic natural phenomenon... glossy green ivy winding abundantly, disguising the knarled charcoaled ruins of this once massive tree destroyed by fire years before.

What an inspiration! In everyday vernacular, we often hear the phrase, "getting burned" or treated unfairly. If the damage is deep, it may threaten to destroy the wounded spirit for a time...to leave a life in ruins.

Yet, new life with God can grow around those ruins, eradicating all vestiges of wounded spiritual shells...rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith... (Col. 2:7)

Attend your local church or synagogue this week. It is never too late to grow from the ruins of despair when you root your life in God.

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**First Baptist Church Of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday ..... 8 p.m.

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor J. Douglas Patterson  
400 Michigan Ave.  
348-2974  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Stramel  
Phone 348-4445  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 p.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm St., Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
Primary ..... 11 a.m.  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patty Petrie, 348-8314  
Holiday Inn, Grayling  
Sunday ..... 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Pastor Sherry McGuffin  
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224  
Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Wayne Horton  
Corner of North Down River Rd and South Millikin Rd.  
Church School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching ..... 11 a.m.  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 p.m.

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schamp  
415 Ohio North  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**  
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Lee Ann Duncley, Pastoral Associate  
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Saturday Vigil ..... 5 p.m. (Oct-April)  
..... 7 p.m. (May-Sept.)  
Sunday Mass ..... 8 & 11 a.m. (Year-round)  
..... 9:15 a.m. (July-Aug.)  
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Daily Masses ..... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday  
Daily Worship  
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Mid-Week Services  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
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275-8613  
Sunday Classes & Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Mid-week Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

**The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message**  
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver  
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic  
Sunday Worship ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 7 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 p.m.

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Stader  
211 Shellenbarger St  
Grayling, Mich  
Sunday Morning ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue  
(517) 348-2557  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Services ..... 7 p.m.

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Family Training Hour and Prayer, Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Chapel Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7-8 p.m.

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd  
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 p.m.

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor  
905 North 1-75 Business Loop  
348-5921 or 348-6504  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Weekday School ..... 5 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 9 a.m.  
Thursday Women's Bible Study ..... 9 a.m.  
Thursday Men's Promise  
Keepers Study ..... 7 p.m.

**St. Francis' Episcopal**  
Rev. Robert Henley  
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Morning Praise ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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Adult Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday nursery provided ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Choir Practice (Monday) ..... 6 p.m.

**St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Weis)**  
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Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. 510 South St. Roscommon, MI

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
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Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

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## Lions Lucky 13 drawing held

The winner of the Lion's Club Lucky 13 drawing No. 9 was Ed Malinowski Jr. He won \$300.

## CMU announces honors students

Nine Grayling students were named to the Central Michigan University honors list for the fall semester that ended in December. Those students are Brandi J. Baker (junior), Patti L. Coe (senior), Mandy N. Duvall (freshman), Christopher M. Jones (sophomore), Mitchell L. McMillan (senior), Corey R. Northrop (freshman), David P. Ross (senior), Melissa A. Wakeley (junior) and Cheryl A. Willoughby (senior). The students earned a 3.5 grade point average or above to become honors students.

## James Dean is coming to town

James Dean will be coming to the big screen on Thursday, Jan. 30 for both a matinee and an evening performance of *Rebel Without a Cause*. The movie will be shown at the Rialto Theatre at 2 and 7:30 p.m. with the doors opening one-half hour before each show. The movie is being presented by the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program, in partnership with area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Technology Council.

## MPCB meeting rescheduled

The Multipurpose Collaborative Body (MPCB) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 21 was rescheduled for Feb. 18. The meeting will be held in the Grayling Middle School conference room from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

## Davenport announces dean's list

Davenport College's Gaylord Center has announced that Keitha Knapp, Grayling, is a member of the dean's list for the fall 1996 semester. She had to earn a 3.5 grade point average to be named to the list.

## Poetry reading to be in uptown Grayling

On Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. a poetry reading will be held at Friends & Co. Coffee House, Michigan Ave. Jerry LaFemina will be reading and there will be an open reading.

## Law Library goes electronic

The prosecutors and judges at the Crawford County Courthouse will be able to access law library materials more quickly, following recent action from the county commissioners.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to enter into an agreement at their Jan. 21 board meeting for the installation of the electronic law library with a telephone outlet installed in the prosecutor's office.

The former version of the law library in book form will not be done away with completely. By state law, the county must keep a portion of the book material of the current law library.

The court will have a library in limited book form. The commissioners will make the decision on what to do with the remaining books, since the books are county property.

The computers will be installed in the courthouse for access to the electronic law library. Court officials and prosecutors will have direct access to the law library.

According to Rudi Alef, trial court administrator for Crawford, Otsego and Kalamazoo counties, the public also will have access if needed. Officials are not exactly sure how the public access will be made available.

Alef pointed out that there are some definite advantages to going with the electronic law library compared to the book-form law library.

One of the advantages is the electronic version can decrease the time needed to research a law matter, Alef said. Another advantage is judges and prosecutors will be able to research an item simultaneously, rather than waiting for one to be finished with the book.

A substantial money savings also will occur in the county with the change, Alef said. Tax dollars of around 40 percent are projected to be saved over current expenditures.

The electronic law library service will be contracted with a private law library access. Computers will be set up in the courthouse to receive the feed from the private service.

For cost reasons, contracting with a private service was chosen instead of setting up a Local Area Network, Alef said. The service access will travel over phone lines.

In other board action Jan. 21, the commissioners adopted the resolution of concurrence with the 1996-97 north-east Michigan Overall Economic Development Program (ODEP) annual report.

As part of this item, the final county recreation plan was submitted and the public hearing is set for Feb. 18 for comments from residents concerning the plan.

## OBITUARIES

### Robert Klein

Robert W. Klein, 89, of Lake City, passed away at Autumnwood of McBain Nursing Home on Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997.

He was born Dec. 8, 1907 in LaMont, Illinois.

Mr. Klein was employed at Camp Grayling as foreman for 15 years.

Surviving are his spouse, Burdena, of Lake City; four children: James Klein of Sanford, Richard Klein of Houston, Texas, Barbara Gene Ugo of Warren, and Carolyn Engel of Reed City; three step-children: Howard Klein of Sacramento, Calif., Michael Klein of Lake City, and Elaine Torres of Tucson, Ariz. Also surviving are two sisters: Elizabeth Anderson of Moorestown and Vera Mack of Chicago, Ill.; 23 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 1 p.m. at Young Funeral Home in Lake City. Rev. Donald VanDyke officiated. Burial is in Lake City Cemetery.

The family has designated Missaukee District Library in Lake City for memorial tributes.

### Leta Babbitt

Mrs. Leta A. Babbitt of Kalamazoo, 99, died Monday afternoon, Jan. 27, 1997.

Mrs. Babbitt was born April 26, 1897, in Beaver Creek Township to Frank and Frances (Rodden) Barber.

She had been a Kalamazoo area resident since 1970, coming from Florida. For 40 years she and her husband owned a resort on the AuSable River in Grayling.

Mrs. Babbitt was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where she participated in various church activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel C. Babbitt, on Feb. 6, 1973, seven brothers, and two sisters.

Surviving are two sons, Arnold and wife Mary Jane Babbitt and Howard and wife Marge Babbitt both of Kalamazoo; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a nephew and his family, Roger Evans of Toledo, Ohio; and a special friend, Susan Dollahan of Portage.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Langeland Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick St. with Mr. Walter K. Scheibner of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Interment is in Grand Prairie Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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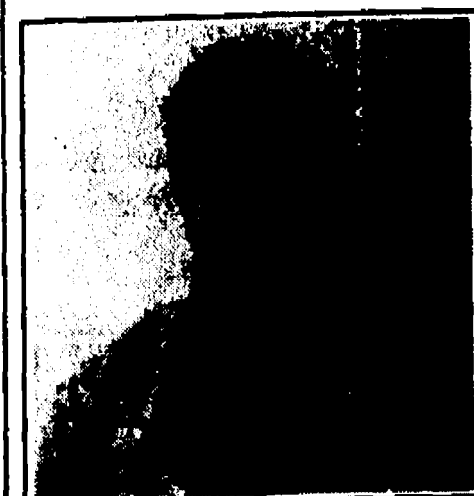
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**SPEAKING OF NEWS** — Kiwanis Club President Toby Shambarger (left) and Program Chairman John Smock, present Newschannel 7 and 4's Rachel Wallace with a certificate of appreciation for speaking at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling.

### News anchor visits Kiwanis Club

Newschannel 7 and 4's Rachel Wallace was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling's weekly meeting last month.

Wallace told the club about her grandfather, who was one of the 29 men who went down on the Edmund Fitzgerald on Nov. 10, 1975, in Lake Superior.

Wallace, who is originally from Toledo, Ohio, said although she was only three-years old when the Great Lakes ship went down, she remembers going to a memorial service with her family at a dock. Rachel also had some clippings of her grandfather from her hometown newspaper.

"Rachel was very interesting to listen to," said Program Chairman John Smock. "She also spoke to the members a bit about working in television."

"Rachel was very good at keeping the club's attention. The Edmund Fitzgerald was a very good topic, especially in northern Michigan," Smock said. "We hope to have her back to speak in the future."

## Watson joins PR firm

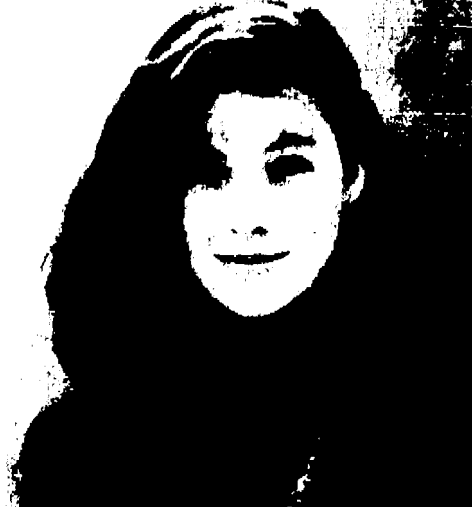
Andrea Watson has joined Eisbrenner Public Relations as an account coordinator, according to Ray Eisbrenner, firm president.

Watson resides in Centerline. She is a 1993 Roscommon High School graduate and the daughter of Judy and Jerry Morford of Grayling.

Watson helps coordinate media relations, media monitoring, event planning and research for the Michigan Quality Council, Michigan Automated Clearing House Association, Paragon Steakhouse Restaurants, Inc. and Robert Bosch Corporation.

Prior to joining Eisbrenner in May 1996 as an intern, Watson was a research assistant to an organizational communication professor at Michigan State University.

A graduate of Michigan State University (MSU), Watson earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication with an emphasis in public relations. She was an officer of the Public Relations Student Society of America and a member of MSU's award winning Bateman Team, a nationwide public relations competition.



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## DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Scott Alfred Miles of Prudenville, pled guilty to the charges of T. Improper Use License Plate and License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$260.

Jerry Dale Gauthier of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Disturbance Of The Peace, and was fined \$160.


Corkey Tyler Welch of St. Helen, pled guilty to the charge of Disorderly/ Obscene Conduct, and was fined \$160.

Ivan Arthur Bland of Flint, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$625 and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Matthew James Zichm of New Baltimore, pled guilty to the charge of Attempt Contribute Delqu/Minor, and was fined \$160.

Appearing before Judge John Hunter:

Jeremiah J. Farmer of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of Op Under Influence of Liquor and License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$760 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.



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# NOTES NORTHERN

Section B Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, January 30, 1997

## Reading, mathematics MEAP scores released for fourth, seventh grades

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) results for fourth and seventh grade students were recently released.

The Crawford AuSable School District earned a score of 52.4 on the mathematics portion of the test.

Frederic students earned a 30.0, while Grayling Elementary School students earned a 55.5 in the mathematics test.

At the state level fourth grade stu-

dents earned a 60.5 score on the mathematics portion of the MEAP.

The district averages (with state averages) for previous years are as follows: 1995 - 42.0 (63.1); 1994 - 43.3 (61.6); and 1993 - 37.8 (48.9).

In reading, at the fourth grade level, the district earned a 33.7. Students at Frederic Elementary School earned a 20.0, with Grayling students earning a 35.6.

At the state level, students earned a

49.0 average in the reading portion of the MEAP.

The district reading averages for previous years (with state averages) are as follows: 1995 - 19.3 (49.9); 1994 - 30.3 (43.6); and 1993 - 35.0 (43.6).

The seventh grade mathematics score for Grayling Middle School was 58.4, with the state average of 51.4.

The seventh grade students at GMS, for the previous years have earned the

following scores (with state averages) 1995 - 75.0 (55.0); 1994 - 55.5 (48.9) and 1993 - 56.8 (41.3).

In the reading portion of the MEAP The district averages (with state averages) are 1995 - 53.9 (42.3); 1994 - 36.3 (35.7 and 1993 - 31.6 (38.7).

## Fourth Grade Mathematics scores

## Seventh Grade Mathematics Results

The graph below compares the seventh grade Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) mathematics scores of students at Grayling Middle School (in color) with students throughout Michigan (in black).

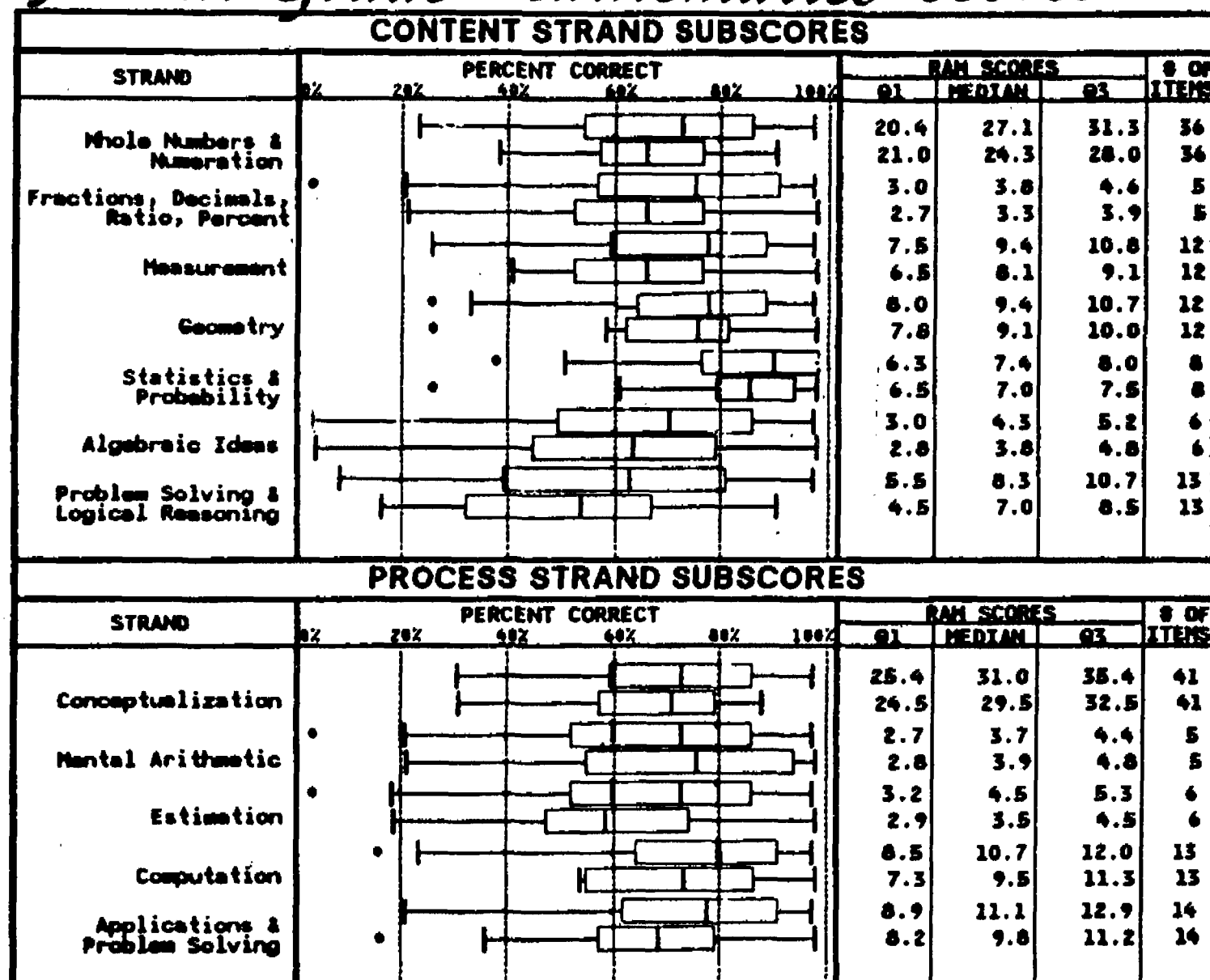
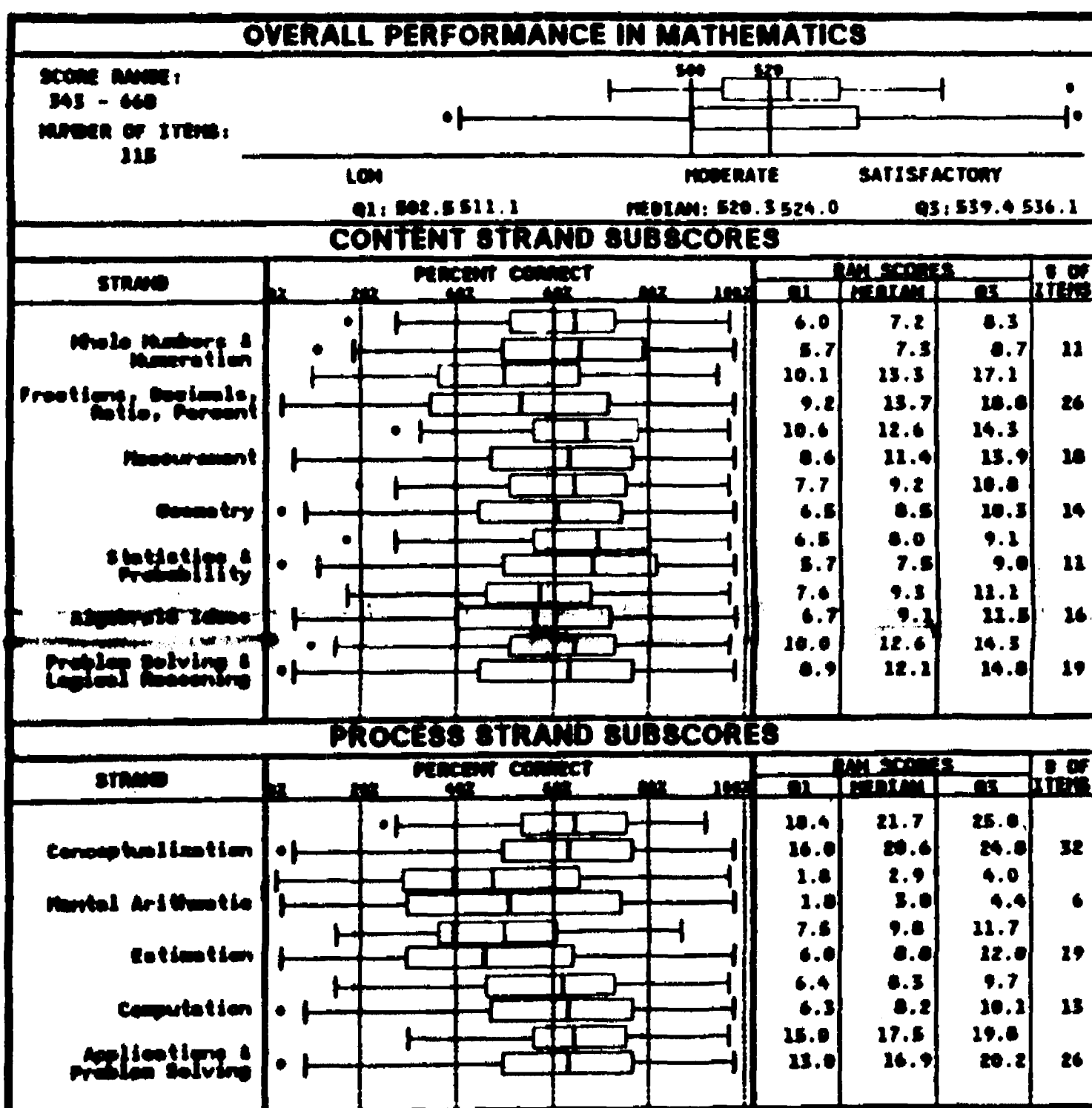
The box and whisker graph represents how the students fared in each portion of the test.

The box represents the middle 50 percent of students' scores. The left whisker and the right whisker represent the bottom 25 percent and the top 25 percent of students' scores, respectively.

The students at Grayling Middle School scored between 480 and 596. Statewide, students scored between 343 and 629.

At GMS, 58.4 percent earned a satisfactory score; 31.2 earned a moderate score and 10.4 earned a low score.

On the state level, 51.4 percent earned a satisfactory score; 26.3 earned a moderate score and 22.3 earned a low score.



The box and whisker graph shown above represents the Michigan Education Assessment Program scores for the fourth grade students at both Frederic and Grayling Elementary School.

The whisker on the far left represents the bottom 25 percent of scores earned by the students. The whisker on the far right represents the top 25 percent of scores earned.

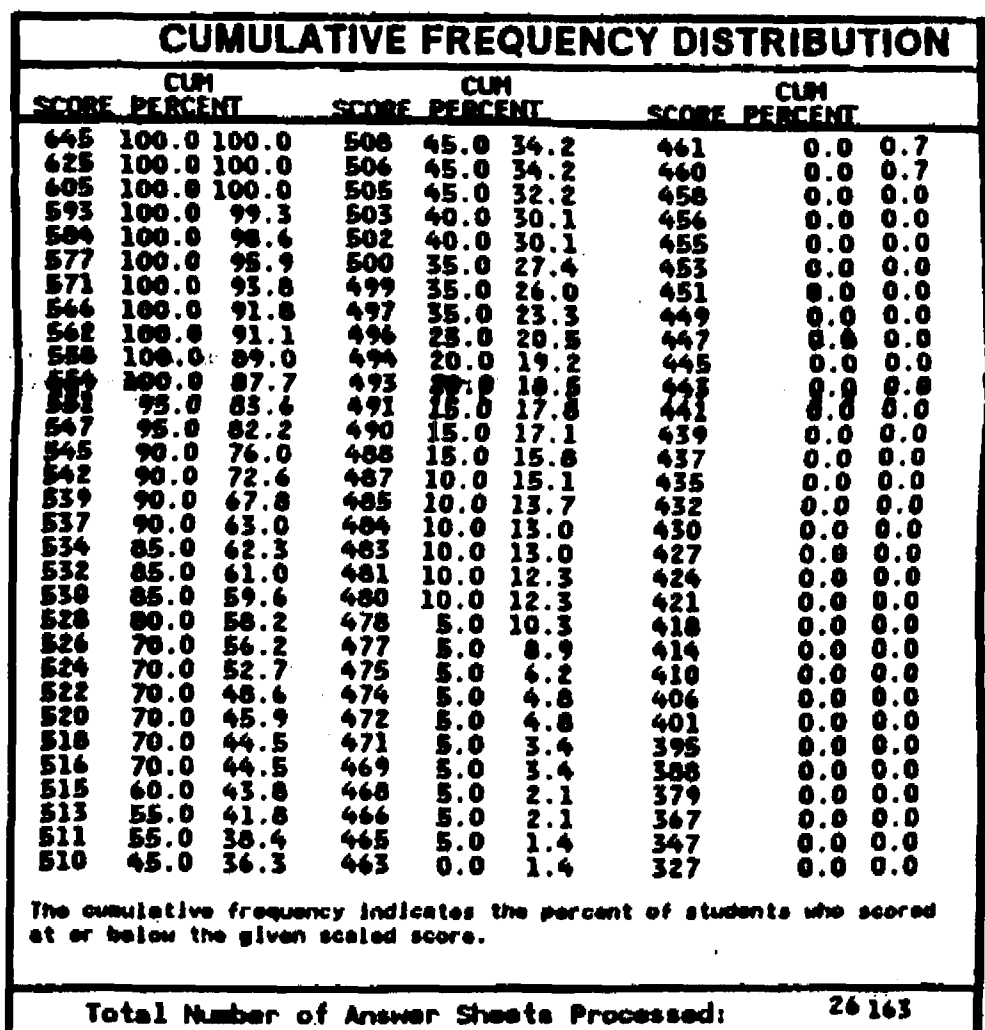
The box in the middle represents the middle 50 percent of students' scores.

The graph above compares the scores of Grayling Elementary students with the scores of the Frederic Elementary students.


Scores for Frederic are shown in black. The colored graph shows the scores achieved by students at Grayling Elementary School.

The graph to the right represents the percentage of students who achieved particular scores.

Again, Frederic Elementary School is shown in black, with Grayling shown in color.



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**Fishing & Hunting Weekly Update**

Super Bowl Sunday is over for one more year, and as always I lost my money!! However it was a fairly good game.

This will be my last reminder, you must have your turkey permit applications in by this coming Friday, January 31st, so get this done now!!

The fishing has been fair this past week on Lake Margrethe with some good catches of walleye and perch. They seem to catch the walleye from 4:00 pm, with some fishing, to about 7:00 pm. Jigging with a Swedish pimple or a Williams Wobbler seems to work well, but the perch bite the best on small minnows. You can also try fishing on the bottom using a small treble hook, size 14 or 16.

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## Accusations made at city council meeting

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

It has been a while since a Grayling resident has spoken during the "Citizens who wish to speak" portion of the city council agenda, but one did Monday, Jan. 27.

Derek McEvers attended the council meeting and questioned the site plan approval for a church expansion near his home. McEvers, whose home is adjacent to the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, also questioned Zoning Administrator Jerry Morford's process of keeping the neighboring resident informed of the process.

The site plan being debated is for an expansion to the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Morford, who also is the Grayling city manager, approved the site plan as being in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

McEvers does not agree with the plan being in compliance with the ordinance. The council members and

Morford told McEvers that the process if in disagreement with this matter is to file an appeal with the zoning board of appeals.

Morford said he did not have a problem with McEvers appealing his zoning ruling. The purpose of the zoning board of appeals is to appeal decisions such as this one, Morford added.

Mayor Robert Golinick asked McE-

vers if he wanted the city council to request that the zoning board of appeals handle the situation. McEvers said the city does not need to, because McEvers or his attorney will file the appeal.

Although the issue centers around the zoning administrator's opinion of the site plan, the discussion Monday night became heated while talking about the process of being kept up to

date. McEvers accused Morford of not keeping him informed of the site plan for the expansion and the status of the site plan review.

Morford said he has never been accused of something like this in may 30 years as a zoning administrator.

"If you had done what you said you were going to do, we wouldn't be here tonight," McEvers said.



**STRIKE A POSE** — The contestants in the 1997 Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program took a break from practice for this photo. The show, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1, is called "Puttin' on the Ritz." The contestants are (front, from left): Deanna Fleischman, Melissa Ostwald, (middle) Amy Martella, Haggain Devine, Jamie Tobias, Ashley Wakeley, (back) Nicole Craigie, Mandi Kucharek and Melanie Green. Missing from the photo is Jamie Reed.

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According to Crawford County Central Dispatch Director Larry Akers, the issue of street signs has improved, but additional attention needs to be given to the house-sign item.

A majority of the streets in the county have street signs now, Akers said. It is not as much of a problem as it once was.

The sign problem is still an issue in some townships, Akers said. The problem arises when the signs are stolen by individuals.

The address numbers on county residences are the current situation which has caused a serious concern. If emergency personnel can not find a person's house on time, serious situations could develop.

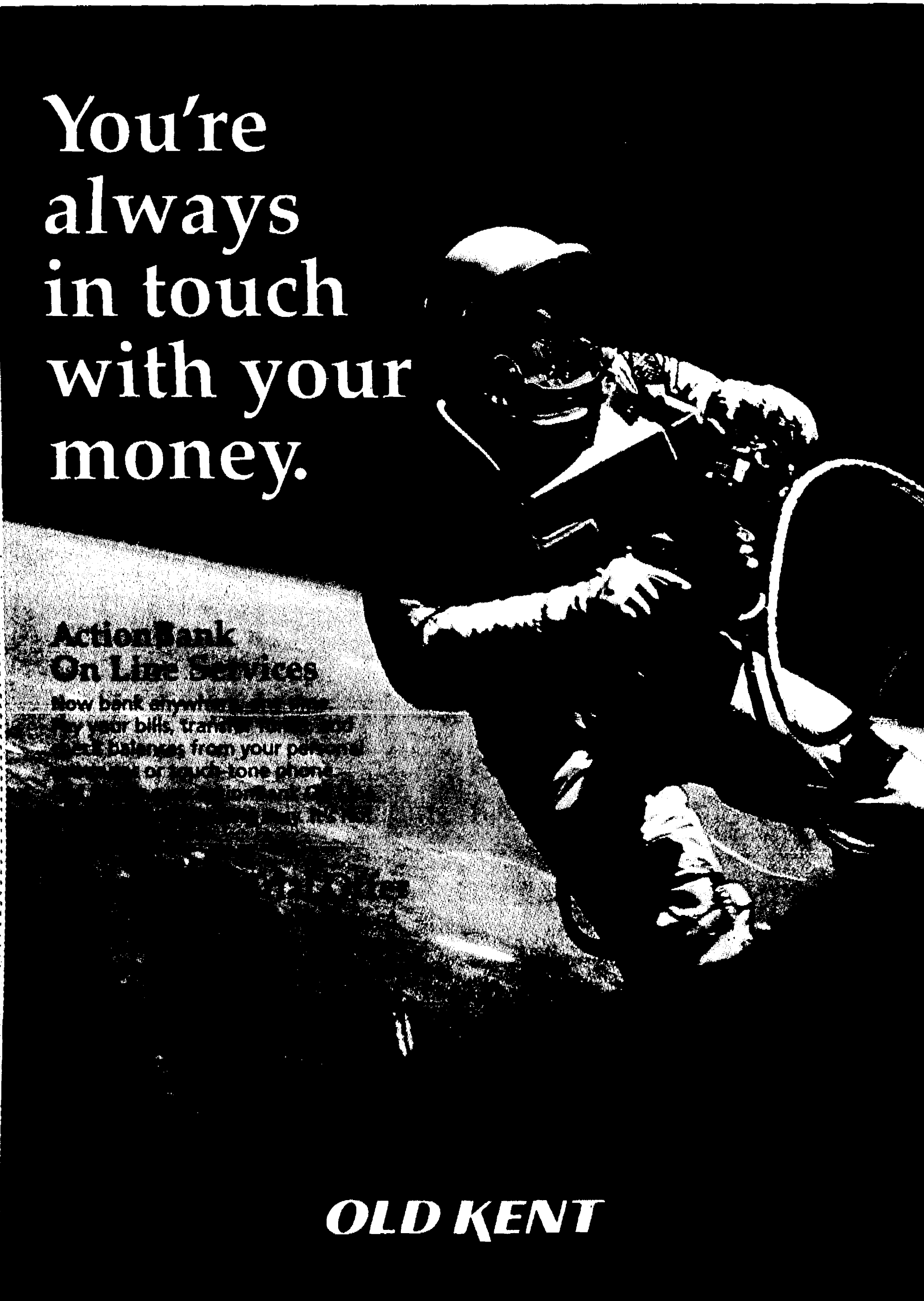
The house numbers are not being put up or not in a location where they can be seen, Akers said. Delivery people, ambulance drivers, police officers and other emergency personnel can not find some houses because of this problem.

The house numbers are supposed to be three-inches tall, Akers explained. They must be able to be seen from the road.

There is a county ordinance which covers the placing of house numbers. A violation of the ordinance could result if the numbers are not placed on the residence properly.

Although this is a major concern for emergency personnel, Akers pointed out that this is a problem for any type of delivery service, including mail and UPS delivery.

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Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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Although most Michigan residents are aware of radon and its health effects,

### Be cautious while shoveling snow

**Question:** My dad has coronary heart disease and still wants to shovel snow. What can I tell him?

**Signed:** Worried Daughter

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People with heart disease or a high risk of heart disease should ask their physician as to how much physical exertion they can undertake and follow the advice.

Some researchers have found that the stress of cold temperatures can cause constriction of the arteries in the heart, increase blood pressure, alter clotting and increase blood viscosity or resistance to flow. These factors

only a small percentage have actually tested for its presence in their homes. The ideal time to conduct this simple test is during the winter season when the house is closed up and warm while the outside temperature is cold.

The Health Department has radon test kits available for a nominal fee. The test is simple to conduct and its results can give you the reassurance that your home's indoor air quality is as healthy as possible. If radon is detected, simple steps can then be taken to decrease your family's level of exposure to this hazardous substance.

Why not make testing for radon a New Year's resolution that you really carry out?

can lead to chest pain, heart attack and stroke.

If you must shovel or be out in the cold remember these warning signs of heart attack:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting more than a few minutes.
- Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck or arms
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

People with high blood pressure have an increased risk of stroke. The brain attack warning signs are:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body.
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.
- Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech.
- Sudden severe headaches with no known or apparent cause.
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially with any of the previous symptoms.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Muskegon, Kalamazoo and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

### River House needs additional volunteers

River House Shelter's Community Education/Volunteer Coordinator, Janice L. Cherup, is currently recruiting new volunteers from all four counties (Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Oscoda), to place into the organization.

Volunteers are needed to provide daycare services, transportation, public relations, to work on summer fundraisers, distribute literature, and to perform clerical duties.

The need for new volunteers is great as many of the clients and their children lack the very things that most people take for granted.

"Imagine not being able to get yourself to the store, or the doctors, to the neighbors, or just out if you wanted to go. Many clients have been denied reasonable access to the everyday resources that you and I use routinely," stated Cherup. "Still others do not even realize that a place like River House exists to help meet their needs and the needs of their children."

The training process itself will begin in February and will be ongoing. In order to volunteer for the program it is necessary that everyone receive basic training. Then, depending upon where an individual's particular interests lie, additional training might be needed.

Regular volunteer meetings will

begin in February for both Crawford and Ogemaw counties and meet every other month. The Ogemaw County group will be chaired by an eight-year veteran of River House, Vickie Wiley. The volunteer meetings will be a combination of information, education, and for fun items that all revolve around volunteerism and River House.

While some positions involve more training than others, in the long run each volunteer is giving a living gift of both time and energy. These people have "dared to make a difference" in the lives of someone less fortunate than themselves.

Those interested can contact Janice at River House at 517-348-3169, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

River House serves the victims of domestic violence covering four counties — Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Oscoda. Anyone in an abusive relationship — verbal, emotional, or physical — can call River House, 24 hours a day, collect, at 517-348-8972.

## GMS Forensics competes at state

The Grayling Middle School Forensics team had a very successful trip at the state finals, held in Ann Arbor, recently.

Six students came back with finalist trophies and plaques.

In Informative, Ara Gallagher placed fifth with 296 points. Angela Fisher finished seventh with 293 points.

In Storytelling, Charlie McNamara finished sixth with 298 out of 300 points.

In Prose, Jessica Holzbauer and Eric Hunter tied for second with 299 points. John McNamara finished seventh with 296 points.

In Duo Interpretation, all four teams from GMS placed in a nine-team tie for 10th place. The teams are as follows: Jana Eddy and Amy Kozik; Anna Fortino and Laurie Hinkle; Heidie Neiderer and Gary Winchester; and Max Schreiner and Chris Youngblood. Gwen Seifert finished ninth in Original Oratory. Laura Gassman finished ninth in Prose.

In Extemporaneous Speaking, Jennifer Wheeling finished 10th.

Brad Gorski finished 10th in Informative.

In Multiple, Sonya Saladine, Rachael Hunt and Kara Maples finished in ninth place.

In Poetry, Michelle Step finished seventh, Chris Peters finished eighth and Forrest Thompson and Rachael Ramaswamy finished as part of a 12-way tie for ninth place.

Gina Rosi and Jesse Van Slyke finished as part of an eight-way tie for 10th.

The following students scored perfect rounds of 100 and received blue ribbons: Ara Gallagher, Sonya Saladine, Rachael Hunt, Kara Maples, Michelle Stepp, Charlie McNamara, Jessica Holzbauer, John McNamara and Eric Hunter.

## DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

Earlier this winter I chanced to be looking out the window at a dozen or so Chickadees, several Bluejays and a Red Breasted Nuthatch gathered near the bird feeder when all activity came to an abrupt halt. Every bird froze as one and the only movements were blinking eyes and the occasional very slight tilting of a head here and there. Nothing was visible that I could see to cause such a cessation of activity, but by going to another window the cause was soon apparent.

A late migrating hawk sitting in a tree was silhouetted against the sky perhaps fifty yards from the feeder. A short distance for such an efficient predator with such incredible vision. I went back and forth from window to window. The hawk sat still on its perch and the little birds held their places. Here and there a feather was ruffled by the wind, an eye blinked or there was an ever so slight movement of a head. Otherwise the immediate world had come to a standstill. How long this stalemate might have continued will go unanswered as a county snowplow truck went by which might have caused the hawk to depart. Both predator and prey were depending in large measure upon immobility and their eyes for survival.

The predator, in this case a hawk, has eyes providing excellent forward sight. The hawk doesn't have much vision to the side or to the back. It isn't really needed as the hawk has sharp talons and beak with which to defend itself. If the hawk wants to see to the side or back, it would simply turn its head. The eyes of a hawk are large for its body size and they provide vision eight times better than that of humans.

The Chickadees, Bluejays and Nuthatch have eyes positioned so they are able to see a predator coming from almost any direction, even when they are engrossed in sunflower seeds. What one bird saw as danger was somehow conveyed to the others. To flee was to risk pursuit and possible death. Only immediate and continued stillness coupled with patience was survival. The little birds knew to the very second when the hawk departed. Their eyes signaled to all that the diner was again

open and normal birdy type activities resumed.



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## Girls win five-team ski meet at Boyne

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School lady Viking ski team won both the slalom and giant slalom events at Boyne Mountain on Tuesday, Jan. 21. The boys' team won the slalom race.

The lady Vikings posted a score of 50 followed by Boyne City with a 68, Charlevoix 92, Mancelona 129 and Elk Rapids 142.

"All of our girls finished in the top 12 in giant slalom and five of them were in the top 11 in slalom. It was a very good team effort," said coach Mike Wieland.

The top lady Viking skier overall was Kim Hartman with a 3rd in the slalom and a 6th in the giant slalom. Jenni Jurkovich placed 6th in the slalom and 8th in the giant slalom.

Katie Olson fell in the slalom and finished 11th, but came back strong for a third-place finish in the giant slalom. Brooke Ginther placed 7th in the slalom and 10th in the giant slalom. Amanda Febey was 10th in the

slalom and 12th in the giant slalom. Kristen Dearnay fell in the slalom placing 20th, but also came back strong to come in 7th in the giant slalom.

Travis Hopp continues to lead the boys' team by placing 1st in the giant slalom and 5th in the slalom.

Jason Steele had a strong outing by finishing 8th in the slalom and 11th in the giant slalom. Colin Hunter placed 9th in the slalom and 14th in the giant slalom to finish up strong.

Eric Thompson was 10th in the slalom and 18th in the giant slalom. Josh Mueller fell in the slalom finishing 18th. Jason Boreo placed 22nd in the giant slalom and Clark Wilcox lost a ski in the slalom and was disqualified.

The boys' total saw Boyne City winning the meet with a score of 61. The Vikings came in second with a 76 and Elk Rapids also posted a 76.

The Vikings skied at Crystal Mountain in a 10-team invitational hosted by Manistee High School on Monday, Jan. 27.

## Holiday Inn Viking of the week

### Wrestling Jason Hall

Viking senior Jason Hall was chosen Viking of the Week for winning the Northern Michigan Championship in the 140-pound weight class, in Gaylord. He helped the team to a 6th-place finish.

## Holiday Inn Viking of the week

### Skiing Kim Hartman

Viking sophomore Kim Hartman was chosen Viking of the Week for helping the girls team to a 1st-place finish at Boyne Mountain. She placed 3rd and 6th in the events.

## Holiday Inn Vikings of the week

### Skiing Colin Hunter

Viking sophomore Colin Hunter was chosen Viking of the Week for helping the boys win the slalom event at Boyne Mountain, finishing in the top 10 in the slalom event.

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## Grayling wrestlers finish sixth at championships

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

More than 20 wrestling teams from the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula battled for the right to be called the best of the best in northern Michigan.

Teams of all different sizes gathered in Gaylord on Saturday, Jan. 25 for the Northern Michigan Championships. The event gives teams and individuals the chance to lay claim to being the number one grappler in northern Michigan.

The Grayling squad fought hard against the bigger and smaller schools, earning a sixth-place finish out of the more than 20 entered teams.

This was a first class, highly competitive tournament. Coach Don Ferguson said. This was the first time this season that the squads from both peninsulas squared off.

One Viking wrestler came home with the crown of being the number one wrestler in northern Michigan in his weight class. Jason Hall (140-lbs.) defeated all comers at the tournament and won the championship in his weight class.

Eddie Davis, like Hall, maneuvered his way to the final match in his weight class by defeating each of his opponents in the opening rounds. Davis came up short in the final match, bringing back a runner-up finish in the 125-lb. weight class.

The Vikings kept up their middle weight dominance by placing two other middle-weight wrestlers in the top three. Dave Shepherd (130) and Ben Malonen (135) finished third at the tournament. Josh Taylor (145) and

Josh Niederer (103) brought back fourth-place finishes to Grayling.

"I was very pleased with our wrestlers' performance," Ferguson said.

The Grayling wrestling kept rolling along in team dual meet action by defeating the Mancelona Ironmen and the Kalkaska Blue Blazers on Thursday, Jan. 23. The meet was the second home contest of the season for the Vikings.

Grayling defeated Mancelona, 57-22, to get things going Thursday. The Vikings kept the momentum, finishing off Kalkaska, 53-21.

A number of Vikings finished with two victories on the day and wrestled well against the competition.

The Vikings, once again, showed off their dominance in the middle weights against Kalkaska. Eddie Davis (125) got it started with a first period pin against his Blue Blazer opponent. Dave Shepherd (130) kept it going by using a tilt to pin his opponent in 34 seconds.

The dominant stretch continued when Ben Malonen (135) put a crossface on his opponent and turned it into a pinning combination. Josh Taylor also won his match with an early pin. He used a chicken wing move to finish off his opponent.

In the wildest match of the meet, Armande Groube (171) took part in a fast-paced match against a Blue Blazer. Groube won the match by technical fall, 24-6.

The match featured a number of reversals, pinning combinations, back points and some unusual holds. The referee was kept busy dishing out points with all of the action.

## Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

### Hanson Hills Ski Area - Grayling

**Average Base:** 15-18 inches of packed powder and machine groomed snow. **Downhill Surface Conditions:** Eight trails and all lifts open. **Cross Country Surface Conditions:** Groomed with set track and skating lane. All trails open, from 1-9 pm. **Hours:** Thurs. & Fri., 5-9 pm; Sat., 11 am - 9 pm; Sun., 11 am - 5 pm. **Special Note:** Friday will be \$5 special tow fee, \$5 rental special. 348-9266.

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**TWO POINTS** — The referee signals two points for the take down in a Grayling home meet. The Vikings earned a lot of two-point scores in recent matches.



**CONGRATULATIONS** — Coach Don Ferguson congratulates Armande Groube (171) after a win. Grayling won both matches in a tri-meet at home.



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## Vikings continue to struggle, but continue aggressiveness

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity basketball team has fallen on some hard times lately with losses to some really tough teams.

The Vikings traveled to Petoskey to get a rematch against a tough Northmen team.

The Vikings improved on rebounding and turnovers compared to their first match up against the Northmen, but the Vikings still struggled and lost the game 84-48.

"Our decision making and ball handling needed to improve if we are to be successful," said head coach Rich Moffit.

Grayling outrebounded Petoskey 24 to 23, being led by Dave Sabin with five rebounds.

Travis Parkinson led the team in assists with 5 and the Vikings had a total of 23 turnovers.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Brad Larm with 17 points.

Matt LaForest had nine points and Nate Hinkle added seven.

Petoskey improved its record to 7-1 and the Vikings dropped to 2-5.

The Vikings next competition was against the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon on Tuesday, Jan. 21 and struggled with foul trouble which helped the Bucks win the contest 63-45.

The Vikings had four main players foul out in the game: David Sabin, Brad Larm, Matt LaForest and Ben Haskel. Grayling compiled 28 fouls to

Roscommon's 11 for the entire game.

The fouls allowed the Bucks to shoot 43 free throws and they capitalized on 27, not a great number percentage wise, but enough to change the outcome drastically. The Vikings grabbed 31 rebounds and Brad Larm led the Vikings with 7.

Travis Parkinson had 4 assists and 3 steals.

The Vikings did a great job with only 17 turnovers.

The Vikings also struggled shooting 39 percent for 2-point attempts and 24 percent from the 3-point line. The Vikings were 12-for-31 and 6-for-25 respectively.

The Vikings were led by Brad Larm with 12 points followed by Nate Hinkle, Matt LaForest and Sam Modica each with 7. Ben Haskel added 6 points.

The Vikings came home to host the Rogers City Hurons on Friday, Jan. 24, but the outcome did not change.

Though the Vikings hustled and scrapped all night, they could not overcome the lead the Hurons were able to build during the second and third quarters. The Vikings played better and came back to within 12 points in the fourth quarter, but could get no closer.

The Vikings were defeated 66-54.

The teams were tied at the end of the first quarter 12 to 12, both having shooting woes.

The Vikings had trouble stopping the Huron penetration into the lane.

The second quarter hurt the Vikings.

They continued to shoot poorly and also were not getting any rebounds.

The Vikings found themselves down by 14 at the end of the half, 34-20.

The Vikings came out in the third quarter and attempted to put pressure on the Hurons in hope of causing some turnovers, but the Hurons were able to break the pressure and get a lot of transition baskets.

The Vikings continued to struggle shooting and only mustered up 12 third-quarter points. The Vikings were down 49-32.

The Vikings played hard in the fourth quarter and started to find the hoop and scored 22 points in the fourth quarter. The Hurons continued to shoot well and were able to hold the Vikings for a 12-point victory.

The Vikings had 25 rebounds and Rogers City posted 37.

The Vikings did a great job taking care of the ball and only had 15 turnovers for the game.

The Vikings shot 12 free throws and made 9.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Nate Hinkle with 14 points. Matt LaForest followed with 13.

Brad Larm added 9 points and Brad Ritter had 8.

The Vikings played a home game against Kalkaska on Tuesday, Jan. 28 and host Onaway on Friday, Jan. 31. The Vikings travel to Gaylord on Tuesday, Feb. 4. All games will start at approximately 7:15 p.m.

**BETWEEN THE LEGS —**  
The Grayling Vikings had a hard time penetrating the Rogers City Huron defense. The Vikings continue to play hard against all opponents.

**Holiday Inn**  
Viking  
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**Basketball**  
Matt LaForest

Viking sophomore Matt LaForest was chosen Viking of the Week because he average double digits in scoring over the last two games.

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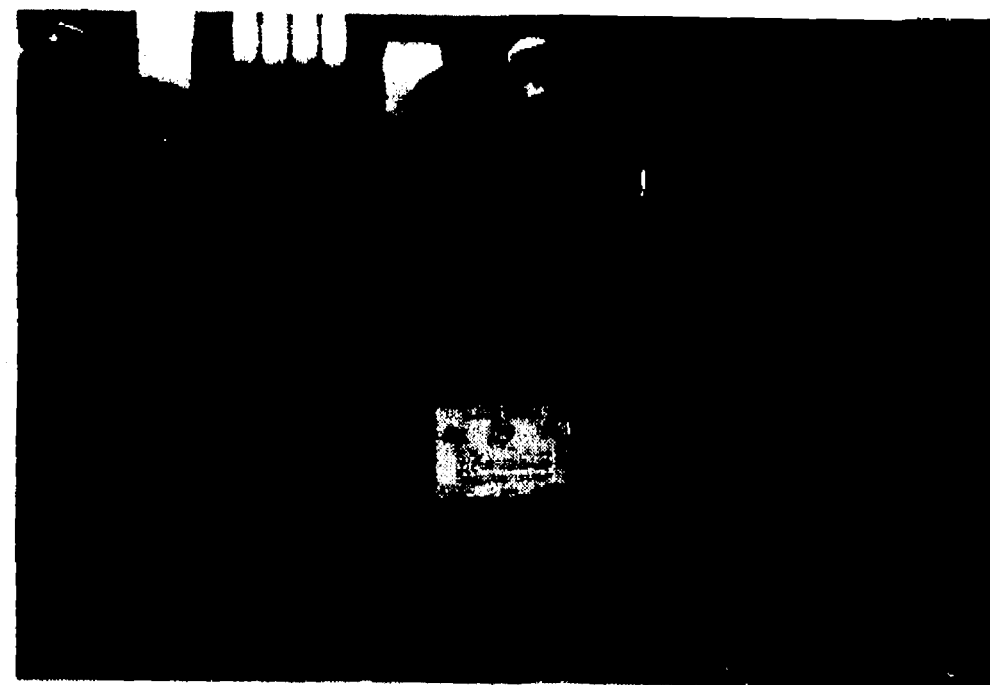
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**EARNED AWARD** -- Brad Larm (middle) was recently presented the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Academic All-State Award for the 1996 baseball season. Larm was nominated by Grayling High School baseball coach Fred Wolcott (left). He is standing with Grayling High School assistant principal athletic director, Mitch Rosecrans. *photoby Craig Hoffman*

## Frederic has full agenda

A public hearing and another item which Crawford County residents will be interested in are a part of the Feb. 11 board meeting agenda for Frederic Township.

The scheduled public hearing at 8 p.m. is for comments to be taken by the board from residents on the proposed Crawford County Recreation Plan. Frederic Township, along with other townships, is a part of the county recreation plan.

Persons interested in the draft copy of the recreation plan can review the

document prior to the hearing at the Frederic Township Clerk's Office.

The other agenda item, which is an important issue for the entire county, is a discussion of the snowmobile trail. The trail currently extends from Gaylord to Frederic along a railroad system.

Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert said the board will discuss the whole gamut of issues and problems with the large amount of snowmobiles in the area.

According to Frederic Township Trustee Betty Sajdak, one of the important issues which is a concern for the township is the lack of parking for these snowmobile operators.

In addition to the residents of Frederic Township, other Crawford County residents also could be affected by this trail issue. Legislation was recently passed to extend the snowmobile trail system from Frederic to Grayling.

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## Larm wins Academic All-State Award

by Craig Hoffman  
Sports Writer

Grayling High School senior Brad Larm was presented with the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Academic All-State Award for the 1996 baseball season.

Brad was nominated by his head baseball coach Fred Wolcott for District All-Academic team. Wolcott also nominated Jason Thompson and Ben Haskel. Larm and Haskel were awarded District All-Academic and then were automatically nominated for Regional All-Academic.

Larm won this award and was passed on to the state competition.

The academic award is given based on grade-point average and an outstanding attitude.

Larm has participated in cross country, basketball and baseball for one junior varsity season and one varsity season.

Larm has maintained a 4.019 grade-point average.

His grade point average is higher than a 4.0, because he is enrolled in accelerated college preparatory classes.

Larm is a member of the National Honor Society and is currently enrolled in three advanced placement courses.

Larm was a participant at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference last spring at Grand Valley State University.

Larm has already been accepted to Michigan State University's engineering program for the fall of 1997.

Sportswise, Larm had been the team captain for cross country and basketball. He has been selected for All Conference Honorable Mention in basketball for the past two years and is a strong candidate for this year.

"I was surprised that I won the award because it came six months after the

season," said Brad Larm.

"Brad leads by example. He shows growing responsibility and a real dedication on and off the field," said head baseball coach Fred Wolcott.

"In my observations of Brad, he understands the difference and importance of setting and completing short- and long-term goals for himself academically and physically. His goals in sports are very team related," said Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Mitchell Rosecrans.

Daniel Pummell, head cross country coach, gives credit to Brad for helping revive the cross country program in 1995 because of his supportive and enthusiastic attitude.

"Brad has a self-driven enthusiasm that does not end with athletics. He faces his academic challenges with the same intensity, hard work and determination," said Pummell.

"Brad understands the meaning of commitment for success and will be very successful as an engineer," said Rosecrans.

"Half the reason that I do good in school is sports and another part is my mom Candi Taylor," said Larm.

"I hope to play athletics in college because it is a good release from a tough schedule," said Larm. "I hope to play athletics in college because it is a good release from a tough schedule." Larm continued.

"I would like to thank Mr. Wolcott and Mr. Bill Klinger for getting me back into baseball and giving me this opportunity," said Larm.

Larm is continuing his success in school and on the playing field. He has been a solid performer for this current basketball season and shows his enthusiasm and hard work at every game. He will also continue his baseball career later this spring.

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Us & Them	15-9
Pioneer Hills Marine	15-9
Robideau Cons	14-10
Mac's Drugs	14-10
All Seasons Drywall	8-16
Computer Services	7-17
D.A.M.M.	7-17
Men's High Game: R. Hinds, 235; R. Moshier, 211; J. Helsel, 198	
Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 535; R. Atkinson, 503; R. Hinds, 501	
Women's High: K. Moshier, 200; S. Sumner, 184; J. Hinds, 176	
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Northwood	
House of Cabinets	16
R. Calkins & Sons	15
Helsel Brothers	14
Wakley's Auto Parts	12
Millikin's	12
Rich's Cycle Service	10
Glen's	10
R&M Masonry	7
High Game: S. Romain, 200; B. Wakeley, M. Starks, 187; P. Pittman, 185	
High Series: M. Starks, 513; M. Miller, 497; T. Papendick, 488	

National First League	
Moore's Auto Parts	15-1
Canquest	10-6
City Environmental	10-6
Breakers Steak House	9-7
Northern Whitetail Ranch	6-10
Guns & Grub	6-10
Forrest Bros	5-11
Corkys D.J. & Karaoke	3-13
High Game: D. Walker, D. Canfield, 224; A. Angove, 219; D. Henning, 204	
High Series: A. Angove, 608; D. Canfield, 600; S. Miller, 551	

Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX	
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MAX 72 -- Fox 17, Swope 15, Hinkle 12, Pummell 11, Donahoe 7, Youngblood 6, Mertes 4, Weyerhaeuser 61 -- Abney 16, Grant	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
Helsel Bros Logging	17-7
A Bulldog Towing	15-9
AHD Forest Products	14-10
Advance Collision	12-12
Moshier Auto Repair	11-13
Cedar Motel	10-14
No Fear	9-15
Tees-N-Such	8-16
Men's High Game: L. Helsel, 215; R. Buskirk, 198; K. Miller, 518	
Men's High Series: J. Campbell, 529; R. Buskirk, 522; K. Miller, 518	
Women's High: G. Y. Schreiber, 198; S. Barber, 190; S. Rioux, 166	
Women's High Series: Y. Schreiber, 507; S. Rioux, 473; K. Moshier, 462	

Recreation League	
North Country R.V.	15-5
Fun-N-Sun Rental	15-5
Scheer Motors	12-8
Mark 8	11-9
Mickey Perez CPA	8-12
Peterson Saw Service	8-12
Connell's	6-14
Glen's Market	5-15
High Game: S. Rioux, 197; S. Noels, 190; C. Rush, 189	
High Series: J. Hinds, 522; S. Rioux, 514; C. Peters, 479	

Triangle League	
Airway Auto	15-1
3eD's	9-7
Moshier Auto	9-7
Barber Const	7-9
JJ's Motor Mall	7-9
Blankmen	7-9
Jackson Trio	6-10
Grayling Ford	4-12
High Game: D. Henning, 225; M. Sumner, 221; J. Golnick, 218	
High Series: D. Henning, 584; J. Golnick, 575; M. Sumner, 571	

Senior Citizens League	
Buccilli's Pizza	43-5-32-5
Totten's Body Shop	43-5-32-5
Connell's Realty	43-33
Mac's Drug Store	40-36
Century 21 Realty	40-36
Flowers by Jose	32-44
Baynam Wood Products	30-46
Sylvester's Sports	30-46
Men's High Game: H. Ingram, 183; O. Brantley, 175; D. German, 172	
Men's High Series: O. Brantley, 502; K. Harris, 477; H. Ingram, 473	
Women's High Game: A. Payne, 169; P. Harris, D. Brantley, 168; D. Mead, 163	
Women's High Series: D. Mead, 465; D. Brantley, 462; R. Joyce, 435	

Pioneer League	
Deb & Dale's	15-5
Millikin's	13-7
Aunt Betty's	11-9
Custom Interior	11-9
Chemical Bank	9-11
Lady Slippers	9-11
Mercy Hospital	7-13
Avalanche	5-15
High Game: J. Yoder, 220; S. France, 209; M. Moshier, 201	
High Series: J. Yoder, 562; M. Moshier, 545; S. France, 543	

American Men's League	
Rod's Auto Body	15-6
Fenton's Auto Service	14-7
Auto Parts	14-7
McLean's	11-10
Upper Lakes	9-12
Northwoods Land	9-12
BCI	8-13
Stitches by Sue	4-17
High Game: R. Pyle, 228; B. Palmer, 224; L. Davis, 218	
High Series: B. Palmer, 605; R. Pyle, 604; L. Davis, 569	

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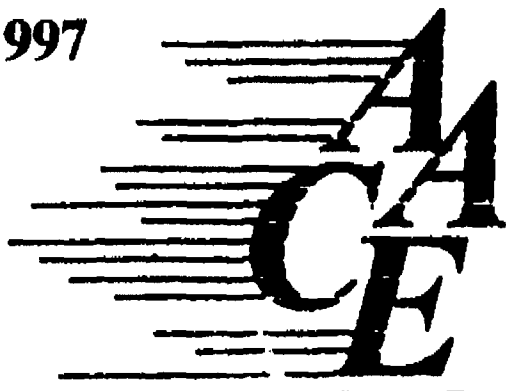
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Instructor: Dan Chozick

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Location: Grayling High School  
Fee: \$30, with materials up to \$35  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

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Instructor: Sandra Briney

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Location: Grayling High School  
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Instructor: Sandy Briney

## OIL PAINTING

Location: Grayling High School  
Fee: \$30 plus your own supplies  
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## Unforced errors from Grayling spikers lead to defeat to Kalkaska Vikings battle against Blue Blazers, Cardinals

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The effort was good and the contests were very close, but the Grayling volleyball team came out on the short end in two matches in the past week's action.

The match against Kalkaska on Monday, Jan. 27 was a four-game battle. Most of the games in the match were very similar.

Those three similar games ended in defeat for Grayling. The scores of the match were 9-15, 12-15, 15-1, and 11-15.

The first two games went to the Blue Blazers, but the contests did not start out that way. Grayling jumped out to an early lead in both games with some good serving. Kalkaska would battle back to tie the score in both games. Then, with the game in its deciding stages, the Blue Blazers would score the key points for the wins.

"Grayling has a great ability to compete with anyone," said coach Rebecca Brown. "When we lose, it usually is because of our unforced errors."

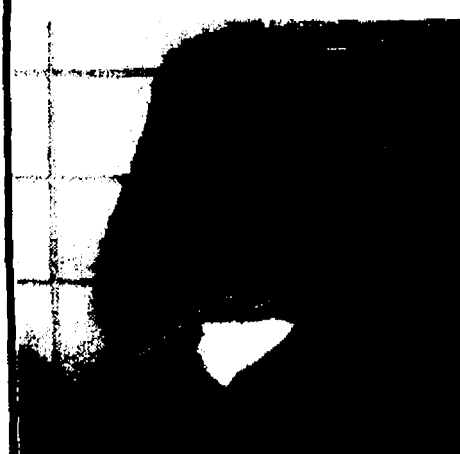
The game the Vikings did not have the unforced errors. Grayling won 15-1, Brown said.

"We have the ability and the errors can be corrected," Brown said.

The game the Vikings won came from some strong serving from Jessica St. Germain. She led the team in the match with 24 serves. St. Germain served 13 straight times for 12 points in the third game.

St. Germain, a senior, also played a good game at the net. She led the team in spikes with 12 and was second in passes with 29.

## Holiday Fun Viking of the week



## Volleyball

Jessica St. Germain

Viking senior Jessica St. Germain was chosen Viking of the Week. Her coach was pleased with her consistent play. She's been spiking the ball very well and the team plans on getting the ball to her more.

Nicole Craigie and Erin Smith led Grayling with seven blocks. Craigie also finished with 30 passes. Smith tied for the team high honors in spikes with 12.

Amy Godlewski, Kristie Cadeau and Jamie McGuire paced the squad in setting the ball for the big hitters. Godlewski had 38 sets; Cadeau, 26; and McGuire, 21.

The Vikings also took part in a great contest against conference foe from Whittemore-Prescott. The Vikings fell to the Cardinals, 13-15, 16-14, and 11-15.

According to Brown, the match

featured a lot of long rallies, strong movement, great plays and all-around effort from both teams.

Craigie, Smith and St. Germain combined to block 19 of the Cardinals' shots. Craigie, Jessica Waite and St. Germain paced the team in passing.

Godlewski had a good all-around match, finishing with 36 sets, 5 saves, 9 spikes and 7 tips. Jaime McGuire and St. Germain added three saves in the contest.

The Vikings will continue to practice and play hard, hoping to improve their game before the end-of-the-year events. The time to be playing a team's best volleyball is late in the year.

"We are working to get momentum going through February and through the districts," Brown said.

## Junior Varsity Vikings stop the Hurons

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity boys basketball team took on the Hurons of Rogers City on Friday, Jan. 24.

The Vikings played an excellent second half of basketball to defeat the Hurons.

However, in the first quarter it did not look good for the Vikings who struggled offensively and were not getting to the boards.

The Vikings were able to improve their shooting and rebounding in the second quarter by pressuring the Hurons and getting some fast-break points.

The game was tied at halftime 28-28.

The Vikings were out rebounded 14-9 in the first half, but only turned the ball over seven times. The Hurons had 10 turnovers.

The second half was a different story for the Vikings.

The third quarter saw the Vikings score on a lot of transition baskets and they started to take the ball to the

basket instead of shooting the outside shots.

The Vikings also outrebounded the Hurons 8 to 6.

The Vikings claimed a third quarter lead 52-45.

The fourth quarter was even more impressive.

The Vikings played a great pressure defense and caused many Huron turnovers which led to many fast-break points.

The Vikings continually built the lead against the Hurons and pulled away for the victory.

The Vikings had 16 turnovers for the game and, with a strong fourth quarter rebounding effort, the Vikings posted 27 rebounds.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Nathan Beckwith with 24. Beckwith was followed by Jeremy Jones who scored 18. Eli Tobin added 12 points to the Viking total.

The Vikings played a home contest against Kalkaska on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The Vikings host Onaway on Friday, Jan. 30 and travel to Gaylord on Tuesday, Feb. 4. All games start at 6 pm.

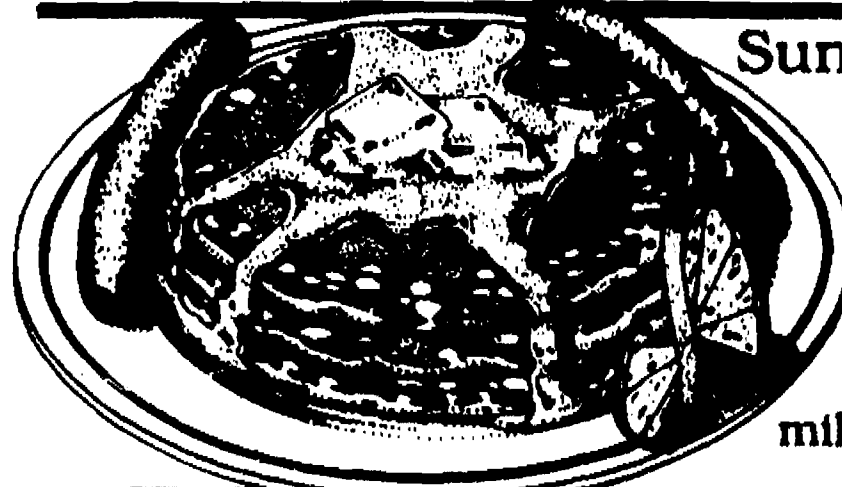


**BREAKING THE PRESS**-- Travis Huber (20), a member of the Grayling High School junior varsity basketball team, attempts to break the press during a recent game against Rogers City.

photo by Craig Hofman

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## Youngsters improve in ski race clinic

Great snow conditions led to another fine week for the ski race clinic.

Director of the clinic, John Alef, said, "The snow and overall conditions were great for the third week of the Citizen's Bank race clinic at Hanson Hills." "The turnout was a little less than the past two weeks, but after all this was super bowl Sunday," Alef added.

A number of new racers turned out to try their luck at skiing the course. In the pre-school and kindergarten group, three first-time racers skied the course this week. For the girls, first-time racer Gracie Calkins finished first followed by Taylor Doremire. In the boys group, Spencer Dean was the top racer followed by Michael Olson.

In the first and second grade girls group, Avery Diola finished first followed by Rachel Doremire, and Jessica Riddle. For the third week in a row, Kody Diola was the top finisher for the first and second grade boys. Rocky McNamara was second, followed by Andrew Hart and Kody Curtis. Jiff Seager was the top finisher for

the third and fourth grade girls. Jodi Riddle moved into second, Mallory Olson finished third, and Nicole Dixon took fourth. Trevor Clough put together three strong runs and again was the top finisher for the third and fourth grade boys. Patrick McNally moved into second followed by Jimmy Jansen, Zach Dean, Paul Montagne, Alex McNamara, and Kris Curtis.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls group, Andria Alvarez skied to the top finish. Britni Baker moved up to second, Allison Diola was third. Eric Hunter led the fifth and sixth grade boys. He was followed by Joey Highlen, Matt Seager, Justin Hanes, Josh Jurkovich, and Eric Olson.

The seventh and eighth grade girls were again led by Joni Ames; Sasha Latuszek was second; and Charina Stewart, third. Ryan Stahl put together the fastest runs of the day and led the seventh and eighth grade boys. Matt Ginther showed up to take second; Geoff Montagne took third; Paul Jansen, fourth; Keil Clough, fifth; Eric Hart, sixth; and Ben McNally, seventh.



**SKI LESSONS** -- Skiing lessons are being provided to these youth through Hanson Hills. The second block of lessons will be starting shortly, for youth and adults. photo by Craig Hofman

## February skiing activities offered

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

Hanson Hills is offering a lot of fun activities in the month of February.

The second block of ski lessons is to begin with four groups to join.

Hopper (for beginners), Youth, Adult and Junior Ski Team are some of the ski school groups that are available at Hanson Hills.

The new block of four weeks for lessons begins on Thursday, Feb. 6.

The Hoppers is a fun and educational group for young beginning skiers and could also help some old beginning skiers. Persons interested in enrolling for the Hoppers program can contact Jessica McClain at Hanson Hills.

Hanson Hills will be offering a February Family Learn to Ski package for beginning skiers. The lessons will be \$80 for rental, tow and lessons for up to six family members. There will be a coupon available for this special offer.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, during the Winter Wolf Festival, the ski school will be offering a Shaped Skis Lesson for \$20. This includes rental and a one-hour lesson. There are only 15 mounted pairs of skis available, so persons need to sign up early to be guaranteed a pair of skis.

**LEARNING TO SKI** -- These youngsters are learning to ski at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Lessons are available for many different age groups. photo by Craig Hofman

## YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Island Hoppers	
Beach Bums	15-1
Treasure Hunters	12-4
Wave Runners	9-7
Radioactive Coconut	8-8
Star Gazers	8-8
Pirates	6-10
Pearl Divers	5-11
Rain Makers	1-15
Boys' High Game: Jason Trudeau, 198	
Boys' High Series: Doug Withelm, 491	
Girls' High Game: Nikki Strohsaal, 419	
Girls' High Series: Danielle Mathey, 205	
Beach	
Sand Pipers	12-0
Wild Orchids	9-3
Coconuts	6-5-5-5
Sea Shells	6-6
Flamingos	5-7
Star Fishes	4-5-5
Sand Castles	3-9
Jelly Fish	2-10
Boys' High Game: Brett Stoddard, 157	
Boys' High Series: Jesse Oikar, 261	
Girls' High Game: Meghan Corwin, 114	
Girls' High Series: Danielle Mathey, 205	
Ocean	
Dolphins	8-4
Sea Horses	8-4
Sea Gulls	7-5
Tide Waves	6-5-5-5
Hummingbirds	6-6
Turtles	6-6
Sung Rays	3-5-8-5
Sharks	3-9
Boys' High Game: Nicholas McNamara, 134	
Boys' High Series: Nicholas McNamara, 259	
Girls' High Game: Darcie Lovely, 100	
Girls' High Series: Darcie Lovely, 159	

## POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League	
Swamp II	98
Legion	96
Red Barn	92
Plaza	91
Spike's	83
Breakers	80
6 BALL RUN: Vickie of Red Barn,	
5 BALL RUN: Vickie of Red Barn,	
Annette of Swamp II, Barb of Plaza,	
and Patsy of Legion.	
Men's Pool League	
Plaza	29-25
Weyerhaeuser	28-26
Frederic Inn I	27-27
Frogies	24-30
Holiday Inn	21-15
Frederic Inn II	18-18
Red Barn I	18-18
Breakers	6-12
8 BALL ON BREAK: Rex of	
Frogies and Tom of Frederic Inn II.	
8 BALL RUN: Dean of Red Barn I	
and Ken of Frederic Inn II.	
7 BALL RUN: Mike of Plaza, Scott	
of Frogies, and Phil of Red Barn I.	

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### Middle Ear Infections

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Most children with acute infection have a fever and cry or scream in pain--but about a third don't. Take your infant or young child to the doctor if he is shaking his head from side or tugging at an ear--particularly if the baby is irritable, sleeping or eating poorly, or having diarrhea or nausea. The older child may complain of a plugged ear.

Infection is usually bacterial and responds to antibiotic treatment. Pain is relieved within 24 hours, but the full prescription should be used even if the child appears recovered and well, and the child should be examined by a doctor to make sure the infection is gone completely and so the condition of the tympanic membrane can be evaluated. If the symptoms persist after three to four days of therapy, the child for sure should be seen by a physician soon. Only 10 percent of children with otitis media are unresponsive to the first antibiotics, used, either because of mixed bacterial/viral pathogens, or because of resistant organisms. Ear infections can come back if treatment ends too soon, and recurrent infections can result in some loss of hearing. In some cases, when the child's hearing is endangered, the doctor may place a small tube in the eardrum to keep the fluid from accumulating.



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## Four game win streak posted by Grayling Viking freshmen basketball players

by Craig Hofman  
 Sports Writer

The Grayling High School freshmen boys basketball team has found success in the month of January. The boys have posted four straight wins with a huge rematch victory of the Petoskey Northmen.

The Vikings started their winning month at an away game at Lincoln-Aleona. The Vikings used good shooting and an effective press to come away with a 68-43 victory over the Tigers.

"Overall, the team played well, and the kids are showing a lot of poise and control handling the basketball," said coach Doug Simons.

The Vikings were led in scoring by Josh Brannon with 17 points and Brian McCurdy with 16.

Brad Wilson added 12 and Adam Knapp had 8 points.

The Vikings faced a big challenge on Monday, Jan. 13. This would be a rematch between the Vikings and the Petoskey Northmen, who in an earlier season game defeated the Vikings. The Vikings had home-court advantage this time.

"Even though we played them tough the first time, we came up short. Our kids have been looking forward to this rematch," said Simons.

The Vikings did an excellent job executing the half-court trap and offensively the Vikings were able to handle Petoskey's pressure.

"We had a good shooting night," said Simons.

Brad Wilson was the leading scorer with 17 points and Brian McCurdy added 16.

Josh Brannon poured in 13 and David Hawkins had 10.

"This was our best game of the season," said Simons.

The Vikings hosted the Roscommon Bucks on Wednesday, Jan. 22 and came away with a 50-43 victory.

"Offensively and defensively our kids showed a tremendous amount of control in an emotionally charged game. Their excellent decision-making skills proved to be the difference late in the game. I was proud of the way our kids conducted themselves both on and off the court," said Simons.

Brian McCurdy led the Vikings with 19 points and David Hawkins had an additional 12. Josh Brannon had an excellent night running the point guard position.

"Brad Wilson had, by far, his best

defensive game yet," said Simons.

The Vikings traveled to Rogers City and controlled the game from the beginning and came away with a 61-to-29 victory.

"Offensively we did a good job of moving the ball and hitting the open shot," said Simons.

David Hawkins led the team with 15 points, with everyone else on the team also scoring.

Ray Trudgeon had an excellent defensive game coming off the bench. Tim Ormsbee and Marcus Weaver also contributed both offensively and defensively.

Matt Mitchell did a good job at the point guard position and Joe Fritz had a nice rebounding game.

The Vikings played Monday, Jan. 27, at Kalkaska. They will play at East Jordan on Thursday, Jan. 30.



**IMPROVED TEAM** — The seventh grade girls' White squad was made up of (front from left): Lesley Gilbert, Jennifer Lehman, Kirklynn Meyer, Kelly Jansen, Ashley Wolcott, (back) Coach Junttila, Shannon Johnston, Jamie Harnish, Alesha Wargo and Alexis Sumner.

## A look back at a season of improvement

On Nov. 7 the Grayling seventh grade girls' White squad beat Houghton Lake 24-21 to win the Roscommon tournament. This game completed a season which the girls finished 5-5. They began with two 20-point losses in September to Roscommon and Houghton Lake and were 1-3 after four games.

The team continued to work hard and improved throughout the season. As a group they made great progress in several areas, including individual defense, help defense, boxing out and moving the ball down court with passing and improved ball handling skills.

As their skills increased so did their confidence, as evidenced by the

number of players shooting and scoring later in the season. The most dramatic win of the season came in Kalkaska when Ashley Wolcott sank a free throw with five seconds left for a 23-22 win.

But the biggest indicator of how far this team had come was the tournament in Roscommon. Less than two months after losing to each team by 20 points, Grayling beat Roscommon 22-13 with six players scoring, and beat Houghton Lake 24-21 to win the tournament.

Leading scorers for the season were Wolcott, Johnston and Jansen, and at the team party, Shannon Johnston was selected M.V.P.

"I foresee good things for them in the future both on and off the court," coach John Junttila said.

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# State EMS training program receives national recognition

A state project to provide more advanced training to emergency medical technicians (EMTs) serving rural areas has been recognized with the Administrator's Award of Excellence from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Michigan was the only state to be recognized for an EMS exemplary project.

Advanced airway training was provided to basic EMTs in 10 rural regions throughout the state as part of a pilot program conducted by the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Advanced training

is crucial in treating patients injured in motor-vehicle crashes during the "golden hour," the first 60 minutes following the crash.

"Protecting the health and safety of Michigan residents goes to the core of this department's mission, to have our EMS folks recognized nationally for taking this to the limit by saving lives, makes me very proud," said Kathleen M. Wilbur, director of Consumer and Industry Services. "Their response to helping patients during the so-called golden hour deserves all the gold stars and thanks we can muster. It is just the kind of exemplary service we want to recognize and foster."

A 1991 assessment of emergency medical services in Michigan showed that although 80 percent of the population lives within 10 minutes of advanced or limited-advanced life support, these facilities serve only 30 percent of the state's land mass. This poses a particular problem to injured patients in rural areas.

Funding was provided by the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning, which receives NHTSA monies for traffic-safety programs.

Participating EMTs received instruction in airway management and ventilation using an intermediate

airway device termed the combitube combined with pulse oximetry. Analysis showed the device was easy to use and could improve outcomes for some patients.

As a result, the training program has been incorporated in the basic curriculum and is now available to all Medical Control Authorities in Michigan.

The NHTSA award was established in 1992 to recognize outstanding activities and projects that contribute to the decline in motor-vehicle deaths and serious injuries.

# Enrichment courses offered

Another eight weeks of enrichment classes is being offered through the Crawford AuSable Community Education program.

The courses offered are oil painting, Tai Chi, Yoga, Beading, Stage Make-up (beginning, intermediate and theatrical) and Weaving.

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To register for courses call 348-7641, ext. 123.

# Fourth program planned in travel series

On Thursday evening, Feb. 6, the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program will present its fourth program of the Travel And Adventure Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

This program will feature the country of Wales.

Wales' influence on North Americans is considerable: Richard Burton (actor), Tom Jones (singer), 'Welsh Rabbit' (melted cheese), Dylan Thomas (poet), the Prince of Wales (Charles and Diana), and Welsh Corgi dogs (Queen Elizabeth).

'Men of Harlech', a stirring marching song, accompanies the visuals of brooding Harlech Castle, your introduction to this picturesque landscape of dozens of castles that have seen so much history. Enter Wales from England is like visiting a different country: the Welsh have their own language, culture and flag. See 900-year-old Chepstow Castle to climb the dangerous stairwell to the top of the "Keep" for a view of the wondrous Wye Valley immortalized by Wordsworth.

Nearby, the ruins at Caerleon remind us that Roman Legions ruled here almost 2,000 years ago. Cardiff is the Capitol; people shop in the quaint Olde Market and the new outdoor Mall, and marvel at the decorated Civic Centre buildings. Cardiff Castle, in the heart of this metropolis, features numerous peacocks that will eat from your hand. St. Fagan's Folk Museum is where you learn the hardships of life, 200 years ago. Let's drive north into the mining villages of the Rhondda valleys, hillsides of abandoned coal collieries, and steep streets of attached, stone-built cottages.

Join the life of a young family living in a converted miner's home, with walls two-inches thick. In this densely

populated area persons can explore Caerphilly Castle with its leaning tower, or the archery grounds where bowmen trained for the 1415 Battle of Agincourt, or the village of Aberfan, site of Wales' worst mining disaster.

These valleys produce renowned male choirs; to attend one of their rehearsals is memorable. Southwest, beyond the incomparable Gower Peninsula, people find the seaside town of Laugharne, where the late poet Dylan Thomas lived, with his writing studio preserved since 1953. Up river to help net salmon with the 'coracle' fishermen in their small leather boats.

Enjoy a typical 'bed and breakfast' in a private home; a generous portion of bacon, sausage, eggs, cold toast and tea is how to begin your day. This Pembrokeshire region is 'more like England than Wales' ... massive Pembroke Castle was the birthplace of Henry the Seventh, first Welsh-born King of England. At Aberystwyth, up the west coast, let's enjoy the narrow gauge railroad excursion into Devil's Bridge; its just one of many rail lines that were part of Wales' coal mining past. Enroute to Mount Snowdon (elevation 3,500') persons will marvel at Portmeirion, an 'Italianate' resort. This is the heart of castle country, of slate mining exhibits and woolen mills. Off the northwest coast, the Isle of Anglesea boasts the town with the world's longest place-name, now shortened to Llanfair PG. In July, rain or shine, plan to join the thousands of visitors in Llangollen, for 'Eisteddfod', the famous Festival of uniquely Welsh music, literature, and poetry, a fitting conclusion to "Wales, In Spirit and Song".

Tickets are \$3.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for adults, and may be purchased at the door. The Travel and Adventure Series is produced with the support of Pick and Sons.

# Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 105 incidents from Jan. 20 through Jan. 27:

Ambulance (1), Fire (2), Assault (3), Burglary (11), Larceny (4), Property Damage (1), Obscenity (1), Family/Child (1), Public Peace (7), Health and Safety (5), Conservation (1), Miscellaneous Criminal Activity (2), Minors (2), Accidents (16), Non-traffic Accident (3), Traffic/PFR (1), Snowmobile (10), Accident Other (1), Civil /FT (4), Suspicious Situation (6), Lost/Found Property (3), Suicide (1) and General Non-Criminal (19).

# LEGAL ACTION

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING January 14, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Medler, Melvin Nunn, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Knight, Aaron Perrin, Bill Hartig, Dylan Starks, Dennis M. Meyers, Jennifer Jurkovich, Enn Patrick, Jerry Baines, Eric Gaertner, Bruce & Pam Bretzke, Dennis Gugin, Brian Jackson, Doug Dossan, Anna Badd

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Wright

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by O'Mara, support by Nunn, to approve minutes of December 10, 1996 with correction of Lynnette Corlew's term of office in item 4 should be two years rather than four. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for December 1996 was read by O'Mara and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE (No action required) Road Comm. for Crawford County 12-20-96 RE (Driveway Permits, Grayling Township Audit Report FY95-96, C.A. School Board Happenings for 12-16-96, C.C. RD & DC minutes for 9-96

BUSINESS

1. Supervisor cited the Open Meeting Act regarding the agenda item Building Inspector Contract Review/Suspension and asked Dennis Meyers, Grayling Township Building Inspector, if he would prefer the item be discussed in executive session as it was a personnel matter involving Mr. Meyers. Mr. Meyers requested it be handled in executive session. Motion by O'Mara, support by Nunn, to recess the regular session and convene an executive session of the Grayling Township Board (7:45 p.m.). All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton to adjourn executive session regarding personnel matter (9:15 p.m.) and reconvene regular session of Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Medler, support by Ashton, that Dennis Meyers, Grayling Township Building Inspector, be removed from current suspension with pay and placed on ninety days probation with notification that the current Building Inspector's Contract, dated July 1, 1993, will be terminated on April 15, 1997. During this period the Building Inspector's job description and terms of employment will be reviewed and revised and presented at the April 8, 1996, Grayling Township Board meeting for approval prior to the position being filled. Roll call: Medler, aye, Ashton, aye, Nunn, aye, O'Mara, aye, Wright, may. Ayes: four, Nays: one, motion carried.

4. Supervisor Wright offered draft of a proposed Nudity and Adult Entertainment Ordinance for consideration by the Board. Ashton questioned the Ordinance's effect on established businesses? Doug Dossan, Township Attorney, stated that the proposed ordinance is not a zoning ordinance and therefore "grandfathering" provisions do not apply. All activities addressed in the ordinance would become prohibited upon adoption and publication of the ordinance.

Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to table consideration of the proposed Adult Nudity and Entertainment Ordinance to the February 11, 1997 meeting.

5. Supervisor Wright asked Board whether they wish his office to aggressively enforce Grayling Township Junk and Garbage Ordinance 92-3? Current practice appears to be that violations are enforced on a "complaint received" basis only. Aggressive enforcement would require a commitment from the Grayling Township budget. A part-time enforcement officer would be needed, legal fees would increase. We would need to promote the Township wide cleanup with an education campaign in the media and a Township cleanup week where the compactor would be open everyday free of charge to supplement cleanup efforts of citizens.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to authorize Supervisor to estimate costs to

Township and draft a job description combining positions of a part-time Building Inspector and proposed part-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer into one full-time position. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to authorize Terry Wright to enroll in Level I/Basic Property Assessment Administration Course in Gaylord (Feb-Mar. 97/15 sessions). Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

7. Motion by Medler, support by Ashton, to authorize Curtis Marshall to enroll in Level II/Property Assessment Administration Course in Gaylord (June 97). Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

8. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to re-adapt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution with the Michigan Department of Transportation dated July 9, 1996, containing Arnold Stancil's signature and authorizing Terry R. Wright's signature on the new document to authorize his ability to make application to the MDOT for the necessary permit work within state trunkline rights of way on behalf of Grayling Township. Previously authorized persons still in effect are Monica Ashton and Jerry Meyer. All ayes, motion carried. (RE: Parade and Banner Permits)

9. The draft of the proposed Master Plan for Grayling Township/City has been received. A joint work session of the Grayling Township Board and the Grayling Township Planning Commission has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m., January 28, 1997, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall to review the document prior to offering it at Public Hearing.

10. Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to resolve to amend the 1996-97 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget in the following areas:

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE
Elections	191,705	\$ -	1,900
CCTA	895,013	-	6,500
G.R.A.	760,801	-	+8,500
Road Exp.	446,801	-	+12,015
Fund Bal.	390,000	-	-12,015
Fire Dept.	336,801	-	+8,564
Fund Bal.	336,801	-	-8,564

The amendments maintain a balanced budget. Roll call: O'Mara, aye, Medler, aye, Nunn, aye, Ashton, aye, Wright, aye. Motion carried.

11. Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to increase the amount authorized for a light at the recycling bins and an observation window in compactor building by \$200, for a total of \$600. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

12. Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to re-appoint Kenneth Riehle and Robert McLachlan, Jr. to two year terms on the Grayling Township Board of Review. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to authorize Supervisor to negotiate an agreement with Paul Lerg, representing Crawford AuSable Schools, Kirtland Community College and C.O.O.R., for collection of the 1997 summer property taxes. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to authorize the Supervisor and any members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission that have not had basic planning training to attend the Planning & Zoning Seminar in Prudenville on February 1, 1997. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to authorize Township Board members to attend Building a Better Board Team Seminar I & II in Gaylord on February 5 & 6th, 1997. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by O'Mara support by Ashton, to authorize Township Board members to attend MTA Budgeting Basics Seminar in Grayling on February 19, 1997. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Motion by O'Mara, support by Nunn, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 18278 through 18321, Liquor Inspections \$90.00, Guardian Dental \$324.00 and Board and Commission fees of \$295.00 for a grand total of \$43,616.10. Roll call: O'Mara, aye, Nunn, aye, Medler, aye, Ashton, aye, Wright, aye. Motion carried.

18. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to adjourn (10:30 p.m.). All ayes, motion carried. Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C. Grayling Township Clerk

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by GLENN R. HAGLE and SUZANN L. HAGLE, husband and wife, whose address is 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated October 2, 1981, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on October 6, 1981, in Liber 200 of Crawford County Records on Pages 561 through 564, inclusive. By reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 17/100 (\$29,564.17) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative:

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in Pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at the public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday February 27, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 13 25 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The Northeastly half (N.E. 1/2) of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Hadleys Amended Addition to the Village of Grayling, being a subdivision of a part of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Town Twenty-six North (T26N) Range Three West (R3W), Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded at Liber 1 of Plats, Page 4, Crawford County Records (also commonly known as 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: January 30, 1997  
CITIZENS BANK, f/k/a  
GRAYLING STATE BANK  
Prepared by:  
JOHN R. TUCKER (P37348)  
WINEGARDEN, SHEDD, HALEY,  
LINDHOLM & ROBERTSON, P.L.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
501 Citizens Bank Building  
Flint, MI 48502-1983  
(810) 767-3600

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For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 340 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: January 22, 1997  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee  
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470

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## MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Stephen Doyle and Ruth Doyle, husband and wife, to the Grayling State Bank. The Mortgage is dated March 2, 1993 and was recorded on March 10, 1993 in Liber 356 on pages 93 to 100 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and 47/100 (\$11,569.47) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 5, 1997 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door of the County Building which is located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the current rate of 7.62% (variable rate) per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: Lot(s) 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 3, PORTAGE LAKE PARK, SECOND ADDITION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 19 of the Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 30, 1997  
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## NOTICE

The Grayling Township Board will be accepting applications through February 10, 1997 from persons interested in serving as a Grayling Township representative on the Grayling Recreation Authority Board (Hanson Hills). For information concerning the qualifications, duties and meeting schedule of this board, write to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738, or telephone (517) 348-4361.

Monica Ashton  
Clerk

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## NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed amendment to the Cheboygan County Solid Waste Management Plan will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 1997 at 7 pm in the Cheboygan County Commissioner's Room. The proposed amendment will allow Cheboygan County's solid waste to be disposed of in the following sanitary landfills: City Environmental Services--Waters, in Crawford County; The Elk Run Landfill in Presque Isle County; the Montmorency-Oscoda Landfill in Montmorency County; and the Cedar Ridge Landfill in Charlevoix County. Copies of the amendment can be obtained from the Cheboygan County Comptroller's Office. Written comments will be accepted until April 23, 1997, and can be sent to NEMCOG, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49735.

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## NOTICE

## BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

Beaver Creek Township will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 14, 1997 at 12 noon at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Road, Grayling, MI. The purpose of the hearing will be to accept comments regarding the proposed "Crawford County Recreation Plan," of which Beaver Creek Township will be included. All comments, written and/or oral, will be heard at that time.

A draft copy of the plan may be reviewed prior to the hearing at the Township Clerk's office on Tuesday, between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

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## NOTICE

## FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

Frederic Township will hold a Public Hearing on February 11, 1997 at 8 pm at the Frederic Township Hall, 7564 Kelly Avenue, Frederic, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing will be to accept comments regarding the proposed "Crawford County Recreation Plan," of which Frederic Township is a participant. All comments, written and/or oral, will be heard at that time.

A draft copy of the plan may be reviewed prior to the hearing at the Frederic Township Clerk's office in the Frederic Township Hall, between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Nancy Bindechattel, Clerk  
Frederic Township

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## NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

Lovells Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 1997 at 7:15 pm at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road. The purpose of the hearing will be to accept comments regarding the proposed "Crawford County Recreation Plan," of which Lovells Township is a participant. All comments, written and/or oral, will be heard at that time.

A draft copy of the plan may be reviewed prior to the hearing at the Lovells Township Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

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# FEATURES

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: February 9 - 15, 1997

**ARIES** Strike while the iron is hot. Don't let a one-of-March 21-April 19 a-kind opportunity pass you by.

**TAURUS** A partnership will fail if you don't give more than your fair share. Not all things are equal.  
**April 20 - May 20**  
**GEMINI** Family life must come first. If not, then you may become the last link in the food chain.  
**May 21 - June 20**

**CANCER** A rotation of personnel may shake things up a bit. Don't be afraid to make changes.  
**June 21 - July 22**

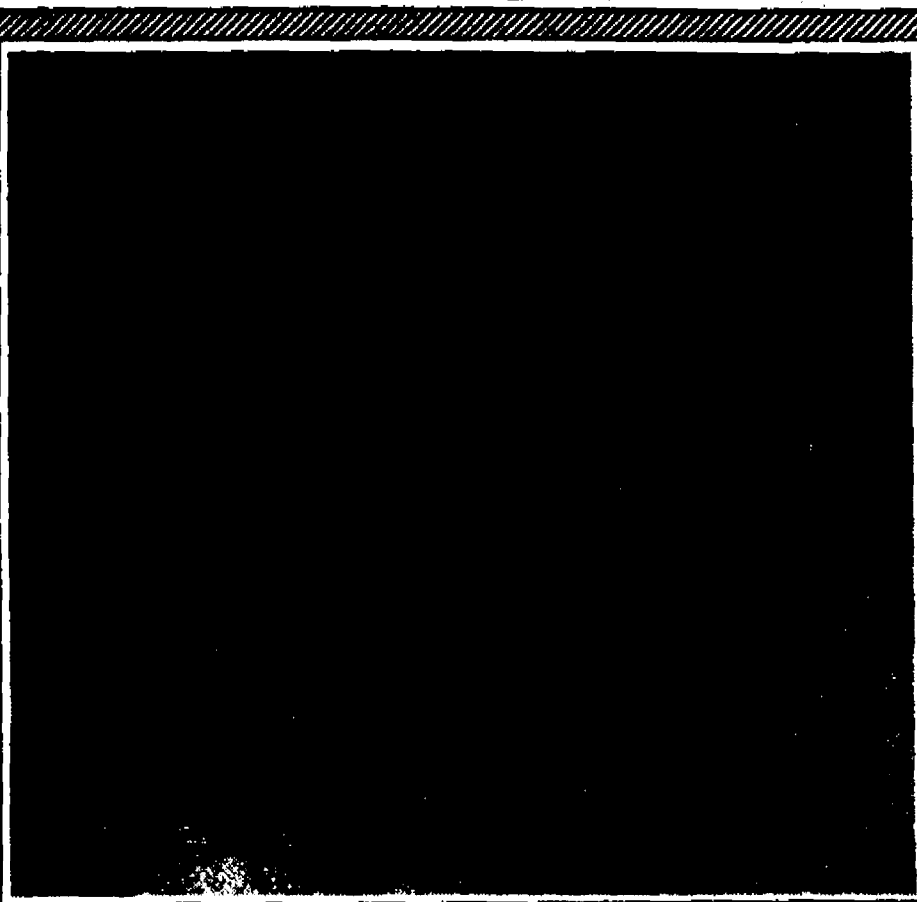
**LEO** You will have the advantage in a crossfire. Take your stand, don't vary from it and sit tight.  
**July 23 - Aug 22**  
**VIRGO** Those in high places will applaud your efforts. Be gracious when accepting praise; give credit where it is due.  
**Aug 23 - Sept 22**

**LIBRA** A kind word will win more respect than bluster. Keep your temper in check and avoid conflict.  
**Sept 23 - Oct 22**  
**SCORPIO** Harmony at home will be attained through sheer, hard work. Don't give up; it's worth a compromise.  
**Oct 23 - Nov 21**

**SAGITTARIUS** An unexpected communication from an old buddy will brighten your week. Reply promptly.  
**Nov 22 - Dec 21**  
**CAPRICORN** You may be able to catch your opponent off guard. Strike when his defenses are down.  
**Dec 22 - Jan 19**

**AQUARIUS** Your reaction to a major disturbance will be scrutinized. Keep your emotions and opinions to yourself.  
**Jan 20 - Feb 18**

**PISCES** If politics makes strange bedfellows, beware.  
**Feb 19 - March 20** You may have bitten off more than you can chew.



**THE PRINCE** — This male Maine Coon cat is about one-year old. He is very gentle and loving. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## PET CARE TIPS

Keep your cat inside, advises the National Humane Education Society. Outside cats are subject to everyday dangers, such as cars, getting lost or stolen, diseases and fights with other cats — to name just a few. According to the Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago, outside dangers are so prevalent, that the average life span for a free-roaming cat is just a little more than one year.

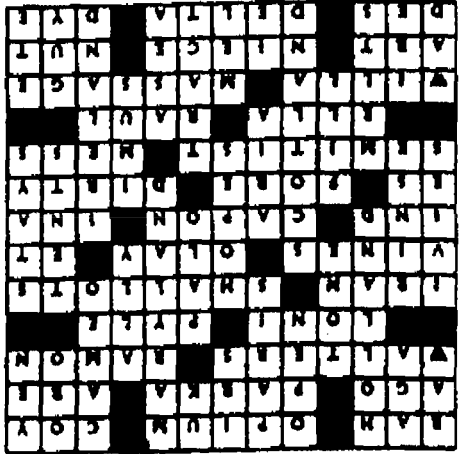
A cat's domesticated life indoors can be enriched in several ways with just minimal effort on the part of a responsible owner. A carpeted scratch post, a window shelf for sunbathing, a box to lie or hide in and a few toys can be provided to make indoor life quite satisfying. There are also numerous hide and seek and catching prey games one can play with a cat.

## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

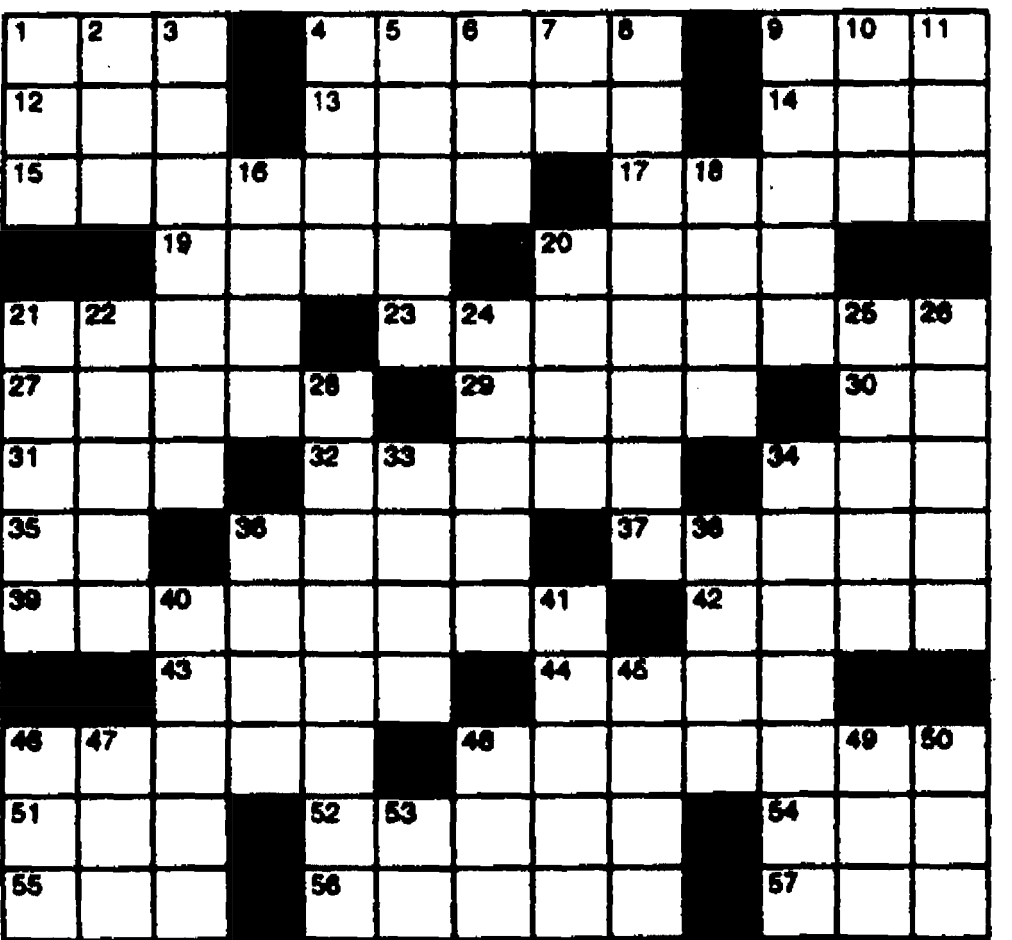
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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago January 31, 1974

Barbara Ann Jurkovich, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jurkovich of Grayling was crowned Miss Grayling 1974. Queen Barbara stands 5'10" tall and is a grey-eyed brunette.

Dale Peterson hauled in a huge northern pike last Friday night from Lake Margrethe. The fish measured 42 inches long and weighed in at 16 pounds.

On Thursday, Jan. 24, at 9 a.m., a tool shed was completely destroyed and a bunkhouse severely damaged by fire, Chief White reports. The buildings were owned by Alfred Kammer and were located on Chase Bridge Road, he said. Damage was estimated at about \$6500 and the cause was undetermined.

Little Anjanette Pratt, daughter of the Jerry Pratts had the misfortune to fall and badly bruise herself, cut her lip and chin which required several stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kesby and George went to the Dog Sled Races at Kalkaska Saturday and Sunday.

The winners of the fourth grade spelling bee this year are: Mark Hamilton, Beth Parkinson, Bonnie Keusch, Sharon Perry and Kevin Dean. Bonnie was the winner and received a trophy. The runners-up received pins. The students did such a good job that they were spelling words beyond the studied units. Some of the harder words to remember were homonyms such as threw and through, pane and pain and fair and fare.

Miss Genevieve Schmidt was the guest of honor at a bridal shower Monday evening given by Mrs. Kathleen Pearsall and Mrs. Pamela Thompson. Games were enjoyed by all. Genevieve opened her many lovely gifts. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses.

The Chapel Guild of Lovells, will meet at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Walker Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Noon. The special service given at the Chapel, by the Pierce sisters was greatly enjoyed by all. There will be another special service on Sunday, Feb. 17. Plan to attend!

Mr. and Mrs. David Paquette of Ypsilanti spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet at the home of Miss Lola Penny, Thursday evening.

The Annual awards banquet for Grayling Troop 997 was held at the Grayling Sportsmen's Club Monday. Boys winning a multitude of merit badges too numerous to mention were:

Loren Goodale, Wally Robinson, Mike Campbell, Tom Whaley, Ross Helmick, Ken Helmick, Greg Peterson, Bill Hartig, Mark Whaley, Dan Vore, Woody Sherman, Steve Dean, Brian Rettell, Dean Morford, Richard Allen and Jeff Johnson.

### 46 Years Ago February 1, 1951

Miss Denise Sorenson was hostess to a group of young ladies and gentlemen following the basketball game Tuesday evening, the occasion being her fourteenth birthday. It was also the wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smock are happy over the birth of a son on January 25th, whom they have named Michael Edward. The Liland Smocks and Seth Chappells are proud grandparents and, of course, Michael has a great-grandmother, Mrs. James Reynolds, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers and Mrs. Edna McEvers were in Midland Sunday visiting a sister of the latter who is ill.

Tuesday Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Leonard Knibbs this week with prizes going to Mrs. Dale Pettengill and Mrs. Harry Souders. Mrs. Tom Welsh was a guest.

The installation of a gas floor furnace, week before last in the Grayling Free Methodist Church by Don Weaver was the beginning of a major renovation project which will completely change the interior of the church. Last week the church was completely rewired by Aubrey Blaine.

Jeanine Stillwagon is home on a two week vacation from her school duties in Mt. Pleasant. This vacation is mid-winter vacation of the college.

As this goes to press, the thermometer says 20 degrees below and everyone seems to have the home fires burning.

Otis Weaver is now our new school janitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson had as their guest recently Bill Mier of Grand Rapids. The two gents were buddies in World War II and had not met since they were mustered out of service.

Miss Gloria Moore and guest, Miss Thelma Hollingsworth of St. Ignace arrived in Grayling Wednesday from Alma College to spend the weekend with the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore.

Miss Joan Bond accompanied the

Bob Strongs to Lansing Thursday and was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frank and family for the weekend.

Les Welch left Sunday for Detroit to spend several days at the clothing show.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duley spent Saturday evening and Sunday in Pinconning and attended the Alumni party at Pinconning High School Saturday evening.

### 69 Years Ago February 2, 1928

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Papendick of Berkeley announce the arrival of a nine pound son, Richard Harold, on January 26, 1928.

A crowd estimated at about 400 attended the preliminary opening of the new toboggan slide at the Military Reservation Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Scott motored to Bay City Tuesday on business and called at the Geo. Atwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNeven made a business trip to Detroit the last of the week and while there were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bingham, former residents here.

William Millikin and sons, who have been cutting wood in the country have returned to Grayling and are living in the J. L. Baer house.

Mrs. Marie Hanson Left Monday night for Sante Fe, New Mexico, called there by the illness of her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when 16 ladies and gentlemen called at their home to help them celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary.


### 94 Years Ago January 19, 1905

To Mr. and Mrs. D. LaMont, a daughter and to Mr. and Mrs. Hammer, a daughter, January 17.


The burning of a chimney at the Central Hotel Sunday evening caused a fire alarm to be turned in. A high wind was blowing but the fire burned itself out without damage. This is the third call this winter and we hope may be the last.


Prof. and Mrs. Bradley were made glad last week by the presence of their friend, Mrs. James E. Snody of Onaway.

Last week were noticed a happy lot of little folks having a jolly sleigh ride about town. We have learned it was the fifth grade and that Miss Redhead is the guilty party who gave them the pleasure.



# Just Kidding






How do you know if spring is coming? If you're like lots of people, you find out on Groundhog Day. On February 2, according to a popular legend, groundhogs (also called woodchucks) come out of their holes. If the groundhog sees its shadow, then he or she will return to the burrow to sleep through six more weeks of winter. However, if the day is cloudy, then the groundhog will not see its shadow, and an early spring is forecast.

In Europe, instead of groundhogs, people believe that bears and badgers can predict the spring based on their shadows.

Do you think the groundhog will see its shadow this year?



## GROUND-HOG DAY

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
1/22	44	13	0.08	15"
1/23	42	2	0.10	13"
1/24	15	-6		13"
1/25	28	15	0.30	19"
1/26	21	-2	0.02	21"
1/27	15	-6	0.05	23"
1/28	19	9	0.06	24"



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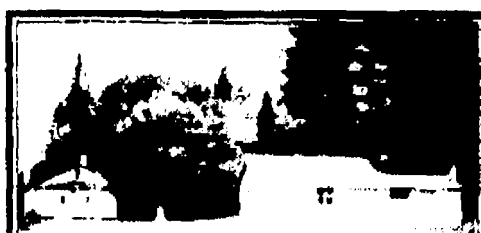
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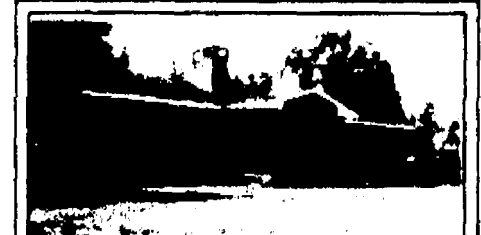
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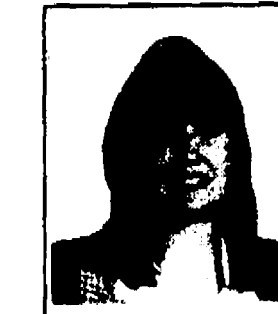
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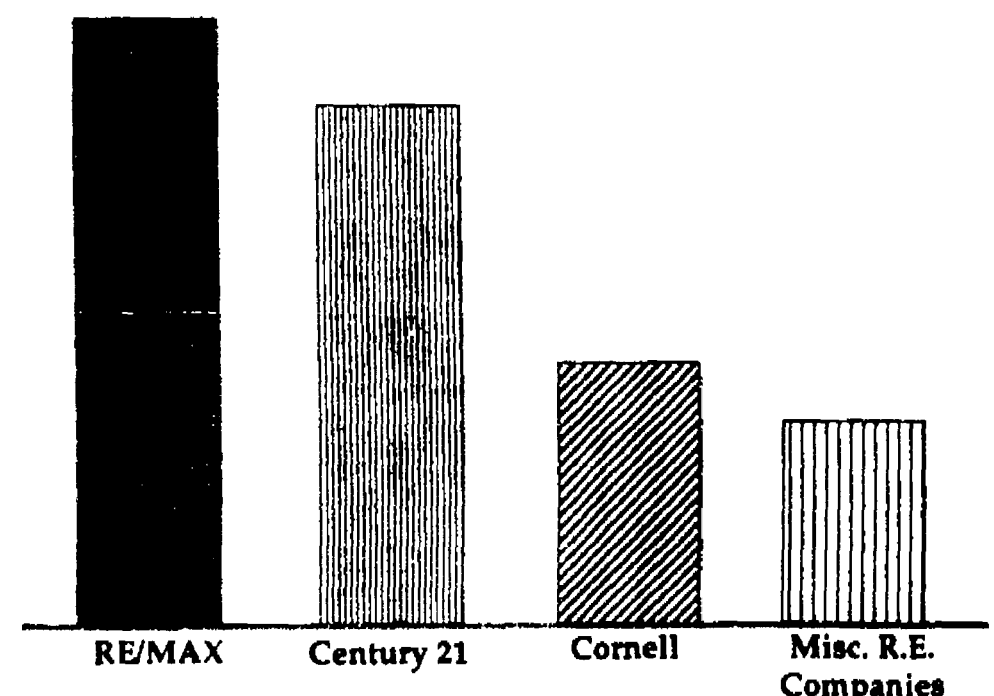
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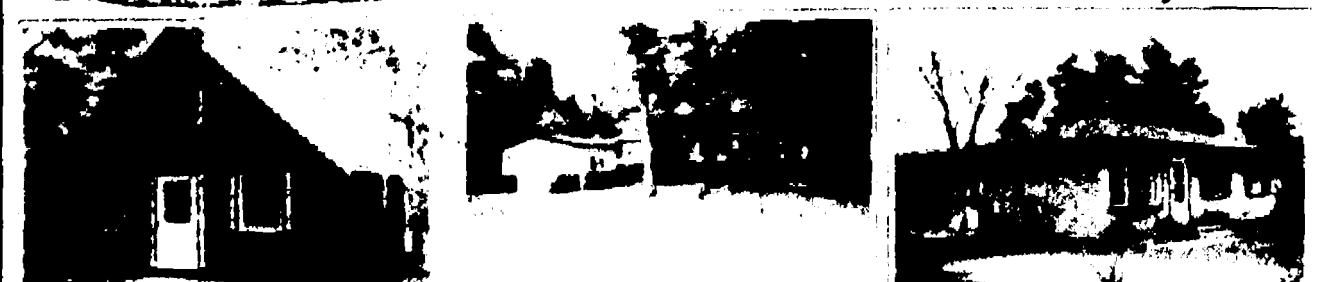
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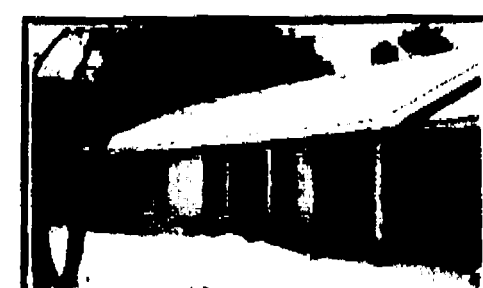
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Over 800' of frontage on the East Branch of the AuSable River. This three-bedroom home rests on 21.4 acres. Offers lots of cupboard space in kitchen, two garages and a beautiful river setting. \$102,500. #3945

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**123 FEET OF RIVER FRONTAGE** just outside the city limits, comes with this beautiful three-bedroom, two-bath home on Evergreen Drive, for just \$75,000. #196

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1. Milling Machine. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; Model #MVN.
2. Metal Lathes. Quantity: four; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #2555 LOOH.
3. Drill Press. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #1200.
4. Forge. Quantity, one; brand: Speedymelts; model #MP 47 B 16.
5. Welder. Quantity: two; brand: Power Twin; model #12-100.
6. Spot Welder. Quantity: one; brand: Miller; model #MPS 10 FT.
7. Band Saw. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #87

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE POSITION:** full-time position with great benefits. Looking for a pleasant, customer oriented person with great organizational skills for challenging position. Must be willing to work weekends. Some snowmobile and/or marine experience a plus. Qualified applicants call Spicer's Boat City Service Department at (517) 366-8384, or stop by with resume 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. except Wednesday. Evenings call Jeff Boyd (517) 366-8845. -23-30-6/3

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**3. Employment**

**NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION:** Posting date: January 30, 1997. Position: Grayling Elementary Receptionist/Secretary. Description: Full time receptionist/secretarial position responsible to the elementary principal. Work year: 206 days per year plus holidays and vacation, 8 hours per day. Qualifications: This individual must have the ability to communicate in a positive manner with students, the public and school personnel; possess necessary telephone skills; demonstrate abilities in the areas of organization and filing; possess computer keyboard skills especially on an IBM computer using the software WordPerfect and dBase; and maintain confidentiality. High school diploma and ability to pass the MEAP test. First Aid experience preferred. Salary: According to contract. Contact: Paul B. Lerg, Assistant Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4:00 p.m., February 12, 1997. -30-6/3

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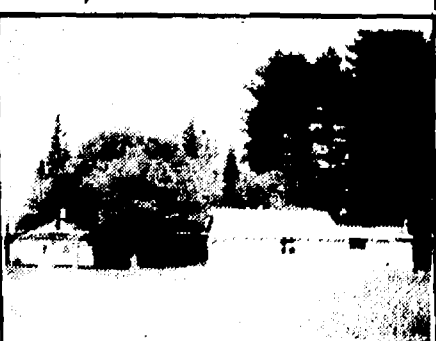
Offering 8.27 acres

This brand-new home has much to offer and is located in a prime area. Features three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, two-car garage, hot tub and much more. PRICE REDUCED TO \$155,000. #3853



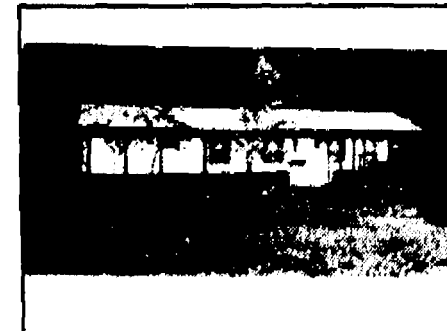
In a great area

Three-bedroom home offers a full basement, fireplace, two baths, two-car attached garage, enclosed screened porch, a four-zone hot water heating system, plus much more. \$78,900. #3909



East Branch frontage

Over 800' of frontage on the East Branch of the AuSable River. This three-bedroom home rests on 21.4 acres. Offers lots of cupboard space in kitchen, two garages and a beautiful river setting. \$102,500. #3945



Three-bedroom mobile home

Nice three bedroom mobile home with overhang snow roof. NEW hot water heater, NEW fast-recovery water pump and big garage to store your toys and vehicles. Across the road from ACRES of state land. \$42,900. #3956



View of Lake Margrethe

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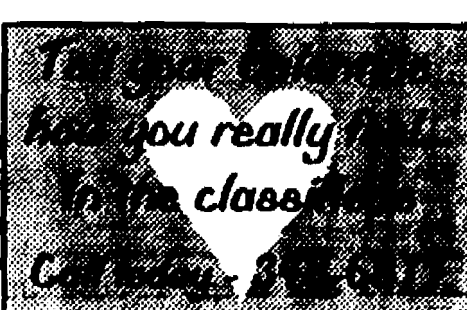


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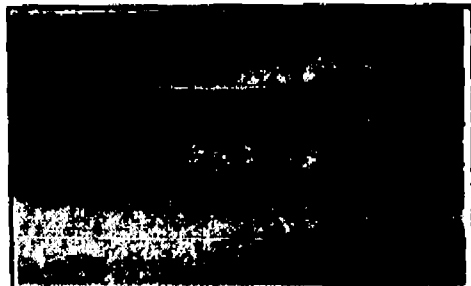
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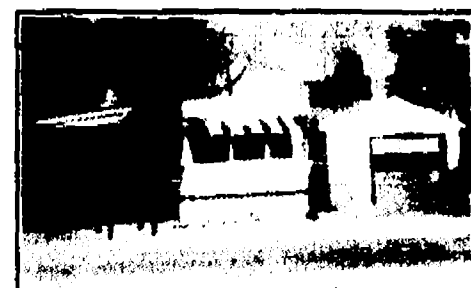
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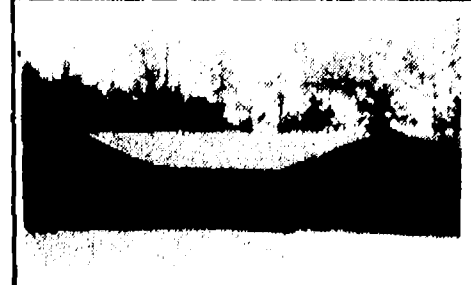
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**DON'T LET THIS ONE GET AWAY!** A well-maintained, two-bedroom home with a 16x24 garage and an enclosed porch on a nice lot in the Grayling Mobile Estates. \$20,000. #208



**LOVELY THREE-BEDROOM**, two-bath home on a large lot, just minutes from town. Offers natural gas hot water heat. Call for an appointment, ask for listing #176. \$77,500.



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**123 FEET OF RIVER FRONTAGE** just outside the city limits, comes with this beautiful three-bedroom, two-bath home on Evergreen Drive, for just \$75,000. #196



**ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS** in this large 1,800 sq. ft., two-bedroom, gambrel-roofed home on 10 secluded acres, with state land across the road. Just think about sitting by the beautiful stone fireplace watching the wildlife in the yard, just a short distance from the AuSable River. \$89,500. #209.

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**CLOSE TO TOWN:** two small efficiency cabins. \$285 and \$270 per month. Gas and electric included. Security deposit required. No pets. Plus \$50 cleaning fee. 348-5124 or 348-5621. -30/2

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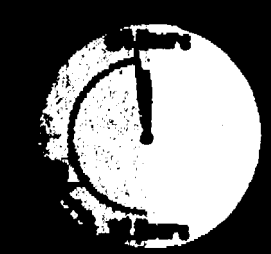
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**NOTICE**

The following items are offered for bid. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Sealed bids should be returned no later than 4 pm Tuesday, February 11, 1997, to Crawford AuSable School District, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Envelopes should be clearly marked "High School Shop Bids." to examine items, please call high school teacher Larry Wilson at 348-7841, extension 146, to arrange a time.

1. Milling Machine. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; Model #MVN.
2. Metal Lathes. Quantity: four; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #2555 LOOH.
3. Drill Press. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #1200.
4. Forge. Quantity: one; brand: Speedymelts; model #MP 47 B 16.
5. Welder. Quantity: two; brand: Power Twin; model #12-100.
6. Spot Welder. Quantity: one; brand: Miller; model #MPS 10 FT.
7. Band Saw. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #87



**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS** - Main Street Floral. Time is running out. 40% to 75% off. Remaining stock from Schans Plumbing priced as marked. Store shelving, fixtures, displays and 8 x 8 walk-in floral cooler. Main Street Floral. 348-7423.  
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**WANTED:** Good used washer and gas dryer. 348-6991.  
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**"ARTWORKS"**, a fine arts gallery is opening in the "Emporium", Suite 2, 234 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling on Thursday, January 30th. While you're in town for the 50's celebration stop in to say "Hello" to some Michigan artists and browse awhile.  
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**EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUPS.** General Parenting, Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., 2-12-97/3-19-97. Survivors of Incest and Sexual Abuse, Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., ongoing. \$10 registration fee covers six group and two individual sessions. Call New Life Community Service, 517-348-2544.  
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#### ATTENTION LOW-INCOME PERSONS

Attention low-income persons who are in need of a telephone. There may be a phone system available, or the Crawford County Housing Commission may be able to provide a telephone and limited monthly payments available. For more information or an application, contact Sandy Smith at the Crawford County Housing Commission at 203 Huron St., Grayling, MI. Funds have been awarded to Crawford County through Community Block Development Grant #931000.

#### 9. Personals

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**1993 DODGE COLT:** four door, (loaded) excellent condition, low miles, new tires. \$6000. 348-9304.  
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**1991 FORD 4X4 F-350** pick-up: 51,000 miles, automatic, new tires and brakes; 351 engine and Western Pro Plow. \$11,000 or best offer. 517-348-5796.  
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**FOR SALE 1987:** Chevy 3/4 ton 350 van, new tires. \$2,895. 348-3114.  
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**OFFICER HONORED** — The City of Grayling recognized Officer Karl Schreiner for his 20 years of service to the Grayling Police Department. The proclamation read, The City of Grayling expresses its appreciation to Karl Schreiner for 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Grayling. Pictured are, from left, Mayor Robert Golnick, Schreiner, Police Chief Peter Stephan and City Manager Jerry Morford.

## Benefits of music for patient care

"Music As A Healing Art" will be introduced to the community during a special educational session on Sunday, Feb. 16 at St. Mary's Family Center in Grayling. The program is being put on by Mercy Health Services North.

Special guests will be Sister Jean Umor, RSM, RN, who will address the therapeutic benefits of music; Al Bondar, musician, who will perform a variety of selections; the St. Michael's Church Choir of Roscommon, under the direction of Jim Mahoney; and other health care professionals. The program will be held from 2 to 5 p.m.

"The role of music in healing will be the focus of the afternoon," said Umor. "Music therapy has been used to improve the mobility of physically impaired persons, reduces the need for narcotics in surgical patients, and

alleviates stress in other healthy adults. We'll learn about the sounds of healing and how they can benefit persons from all walks of life."

Admission is a \$5 donation and all proceeds will benefit Mercy Hospital's new music therapy initiative. With assistance from the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, the goal is to provide patients with personal CD players and a wide selection of music during their hospitalization. Proceeds from this event will help fund the purchase of CD players and CDs.

"We are seeing the scientific benefits of music," said Umor. "Music reduces patient anxiety, distracts from pain, strengthens the immune system and provides spiritual comfort."

Research shows that some pregnant women who've listened to music

during delivery have required less anesthesia because the music stimulation increases endorphin release. Stroke and Parkinson's patients have improved their mobility because the musical beat excites and shapes activities within the motor area of the brain.

"Music therapy has even done wonders with Alzheimer's patients," Umor commented. "Music is often the only thing they respond to. They can remember the words to songs even if they can't remember their own name."

The program will also include a display table where a variety of music will be on display. Persons planning to attend should pre-register by calling Mercy Healthline at 1-800-33-MERCY.

## Snowmobile safety still an issue

by Kamela Tresh, Capital News Service

This winter in Michigan has brought on lots of snowmobile activity — and more concern about safety.

With more snowmobiles, safe operating is essential. "They can travel down county roads at 20 mph, but they

have to stop at every intersection and driveway," said Crawford County Sheriff David Lovley.

Lovley said major safety problems include some operators driving too fast for the conditions or drinking.

But Rich Filley, president of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, believes that education and common sense would increase safety.

"You've got to watch out for other people on the trails," said Filley, who lives in Grayling.

Filley said most snowmobilers follow the rules. But lack of experience and drinking continue to pose problems. "It's unfortunate that just a handful of people have a lack of respect for others."

"It's the rider's responsibility to know and follow the rules," Filley said.

"There are already adequate regulations for snowmobiling and if the trend

continues, snowmobiling may face more regulations that are not necessarily in the best interest of the sport," Filley said.

Hartwick Pines State Park has had a smooth season so far. "There has been more snowmobile activity this year and no major accidents," said Park Manager Bob Bacon. And only a few minor accidents occurred last year.

Lt. Sue Koppelo of the Department of Natural Resources law enforcement division said there have been 15 snowmobile deaths statewide so far this season.

"It's not good at this point," she said. "That's only five less than last year at this time." Last year there were 45 snowmobile deaths in Michigan.

The DNR conducts safety classes for snowmobiling and encourages all operators to take safety training classes. But only those 12- to 17-years old are required to be safety-certified.

## Stupak seeks assistance for northern Michigan

Heavy snowfalls, strong winds, and bitter cold have combined to create a dangerous situation in northern Michigan that merits a disaster declaration, Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, argued Jan. 17.

In a letter sent Friday to Gov. John Engler, Stupak asked the Michigan governor "to act with all speed to declare portions of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan a disaster area, so that urgently needed federal disaster relief may be provided to the residents of that region."

Stupak noted that disaster declarations have been declared in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, but conditions in northern Michigan are just as bad, if not worse.

"Communities in the Upper Peninsula have been struck with the same snowstorms, while enduring repeated 'lake effect' storms," he said. "As an indication of the severity of this year's snowfall, National Weather Service officials in Marquette have recorded 153 inches in that community through Jan. 16, a total of almost 50 percent ahead of last year's record-setting tally."

Stupak noted that Gogebic County has received more than 200 inches,

compared with an average of 60-70 inches in the three states where a disaster has been declared.

The communities of Bessemer, Ironwood, and others have declared local emergencies, and "vehicle traffic has been restricted to one lane to critical facilities. The potential for tragedy exists throughout the area."

North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan are all states that are accustomed to dealing with snow, Stupak said, but current conditions "are exhausting the resources of local agencies to deal with the situation, and outside assistance is required immediately."

The U.S. House of Representatives in 1996 approved Stupak's snow emergency legislation, which streamlined and simplified the criteria which the Federal Emergency Management Agency would use to recognize a winter snow disaster. FEMA is currently considering proposed rules to include snow removal needs as a proper request for federal assistance.

"I believe the climate in Washington would be receptive to your declaration and request for assistance," Stupak told Engler.

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